



# BRIGHT SPOT



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## Changing Leaves

Autumn is not just a time of colored leaves and Halloween Candy, but we are back in full swing from the respite of Summer. The first Inspection of the season is November 6th for the Grand Commander's Homecoming and Inspection at Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3 in Madison. West Allis Chapter, RAM is doing ritual work while we at Ivanhoe are beginning practices for our own ritual work, starting January 20th with our first Order of the Temple for this season. Just as the squirrels are scurrying about to prepare for Winter, so are we busy with our own preparations for this season of 'Ritual'.

There is much work to be done! Many of us will be involved in the conferrals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta on October 3rd. We have several ritual practices scheduled to prepare us for the season ahead. Our own Inspection and Homecoming is scheduled for February 13, 2016, in the heart of 'Inspection Season'. There isn't much time to get ourselves ready for the 'Winter Storms' soon to come.

Let's not forget Christmas! Our Christmas Observance will be held on December 6th at Lake Masonic Center, with dinner at 5:00pm and the Observance Service to follow. This year our annual Christmas Party has been combined with our Christmas Observance. Reserve the date now so you don't miss out on this evening of Christian fellowship.

We can use your help! Whether you take a part in the ritual work, help with the paraphernalia set-up, or sit on the sidelines and support our Knights, you are a valuable asset to our Commandery. Come to our dinners and visit with old friends. Come to our events and enjoy the camaraderie and brotherhood you can only find in the greatest fraternity on earth. It all happens right here at Ivanhoe!



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## Commander's Corner

Oh man! It's our Anniversary!! 125 years ago this month, we were chartered as the newest Commandery in the state of Wisconsin! Imagine, 125 years, what is that for an anniversary gift? It's way past Silver or Gold. 60 is Diamond, then they start adding things in with the Diamond and then they start increasing the size of the Diamond, so that at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary it is the "10 carat" Diamond Anniversary! Whew!! I don't know how many of us could meet the pressure of that gift, but, we are all here to celebrate this momentous event. Arrangements have been made to have Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research put together an update to our Commandery's history book. So most all of you will be in there, a permanent part of our history for the future to read and learn about. Not bad coming into such a momentous occasion as Grand Encampment Drill Champions! Have you seen those watches yet?

Don't forget our celebration. You asked for a big party and we have, with the hard work and efforts of SK Brad Bingheim our Sr. Warden, Quartermaster, Drill Team Chairman and all-round good guy, and SK Shawn Noble our Capt. General, prepared to give you just that. You wanted entertainment, we have it; you wanted rooms at a reasonable rate at a nice hotel, we have that; you wanted a great meal and not a lot of cost, and we have that too; as well as many other goodies and activities. There will be drinks, presentations, honors and friendly celebration. Missing this event is something you won't want to do! I have a room reserved and presentations ready. Our new Anniversary Challenge Coins, that you all voted on and help design will be unveiled at the party. So, come celebrate, get into the history book. This will be a celebratory event.



Are you working on your ritual? Have you been studying your tactics? Have you laid out your calendar for the rest of this Chivalric year yet? Is the Bright Spot calendar posted on your fridge? Our "Season" starts in earnest in just a few days, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Wisconsin No. 1, 8 am. The "Illustrious Order of the Red Cross" followed by the "Order of Malta" and we're off...Conclaves, Anniversaries, practices, Orders of the Temple, and Inspections. The next thing you know we will be holding elections and installations and then it starts all over again. Most of you will be moving up and taking more of a "leadership" part in things. I already see some shining stars and feel a swell of pride for our positive growth and stable positioning for the future in the Templar Community. I look forward to our remaining a pillar of that community and this fraternity for many years to come, thanks to all of you. Do what you can to support your Commandery. Fill in when you know we will need it. Help your underclassmen work...as a team. You know how much you can accomplish when you do that. Help those who need it.

Remember you are a Knight Templar, be courteous, be righteous, stand up for Jesus and speak the truth. October is also the anniversary of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and the attempt to snuff out the Knights Templar...learn our history.

May the Lord Bless you and yours and may October be a good month for all of us.

*E. C. Clint*

## Prelate's Apartment

**Did Jesus Christ actually drive out demons? Are demons still doing their work even today?**

In the Holy Gospel of Luke, chapter 22, verses 15-26. In this reading Jesus had driven out demons and some of the crowd said: **“By the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons he drives out demons.”** Others, to test him, asked Him for a sign from heaven, But He knew their thoughts and said to them, **“Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebub that I drive out demons. If I then drive out demons, then by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.**

Demons – especially demons with proper names, like Beelzebub – present us with a dilemma. We have to admit that whatever Jesus was doing with those deliverance prayers of His seemed to work, in the sense that something vacated the premises, and a person was healed and brought to peace. Yet as people of the twenty-first century, most of us have come to believe that a “demon” was simply a primitive name for various physical and psychological states we now understand much better than those who lived 2,000 years ago.



The Gospels tell us, however, that much as we might prefer the comparatively predictable world of science, we are citizens of two realms – the physical, which contains all that is seeable and touchable and testable in a laboratory, and the spiritual in its unfathomable mystery, The Dark Prince Beelzebub and his demonic minions live in that second world, invisible to human beings even in Jesus' day. Yet Jesus saw them clearly. And they saw Him too, calling Him by name, pleading with Him to let them be, recognizing Him for who He was long before His disciples did.

So here is our dilemma: if we deny the reality of the demonic on the basis that it defies modern scientific thinking we call into question Jesus' many public interactions with embodied spiritual evil. More, we cast serious doubt on a most basic Christian belief: that we ourselves are inhabited by the spirit – the Holy Spirit, the spirit of the Risen Christ. I will even give you a for-instance of a cousin of my own that lived on his parent's farm a few miles from the town I grew up in. Like any teenager he probably sowed some oats when he could. He had been visiting some farmer's daughter and was walking home via the farm fields rather than the gravel road. Out of nowhere a fiery devil was standing in his way. I understand no words were spoken to the vision or from it. I understand my cousin did clean up his own life from that day on.

*Rev. S.K. Roger*

# Drill Floor

My worthy Sir Knights,

Drill is marching, plain and simple. It was developed as a way of moving troops from one place to another without them getting mixed up with other troops. So they marched together from one place to another. The theory was, without drill, masses of soldiers would end up getting lost on the way to battle and have to fight with just any old unit they could find, instead of the unit they trained with. The drill system worked and soldiers stayed together and could be commanded as a group.



In fact, drill is the foundation of discipline in battle, and its importance has been proven again and again. Today drill is used more in ceremonial aspects, but also as a way of instilling pride and discipline during training.

So why is the Drill in the Commandery so important? The drill reminds us of our heritage and the traditions of those Christian Knights who came before. It represents the basics of what the order stands for and the discipline that we, as Knights Templar, need to have in our hearts and minds to defend our masonic values. Drill is more than that philosophy. It transcends into how to accomplish our goals in the most efficient manner possible while maintain order and decorum.

Thus is born the need for drill and more importantly the need for the Drill Team. Teamwork is essential on the battlefield, and drill is just one way Soldiers develop this skill. We may be practicing in preparation for an exhibition or competition; what we are really doing is building that esprit de corps, a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members of the team. It is this camaraderie that has built lasting friendships and produces the quality of work that is not only shown on the drill floor but also in the asylum.

So as our Drill Captain calls us to fall in, whether you are new or have been a member of the drill team for years, take a spot in the line. We all begin anew and learn those “basic” drills which teach and harmonize us into who and what we are.

As we meet in October and November we will be learning the basics of the full form opening and sword manual to prepare us for the upcoming inspection season. It is also a great chance for those who receive their Order of Malta on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to come and see what we are about and see there is more to Masonry than Meetings and Degrees.

Unto His Name be all the Glory,

*S.K. Brad. Chairman*

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

October 11 <sup>th</sup>	4-6pm Lake Lodge	Basic Drill / Sword Manual
	(Great introduction for new Sir Knights)	
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm Lake Lodge	Full Form Opening Drill

## ///// CAUTION! Knights at Work! /////

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta will be conferred in full form on Saturday, **October 3, 2015** at McKinley Masonic Center. A light luncheon will be served between the degrees for only \$5.00. When was the last time you experienced these great orders in Full Form?

West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM will confer the Mark Master Degree upon four candidates on Monday, **October 26th** at **7:00 pm**. We will then confer the degree on a fifth candidate on November 2nd following a brief Stated Convocation. Please come and support these new fraters on their journey through the Capitular Degrees.

The Grand Commander's Inspection will be held on **November 6th and 7th** in Madison. On Friday night at 7:00 pm Robert Macoy Commandery will confer the Order of the Temple. On Saturday at 11:30 am the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin will confer an Order of the Temple. Lunch will be served at a break after the Chamber of Reflection, at noon. After lunch the OT will be completed, followed by the Reception of Grand Officers, Reception of the Flag and Full Form Opening. The banquet will then close the days activities.

Lake Masonic Center has become the hub of action in the York Rite. Come and support our candidates as they progress in our degrees. Members on the sidelines assure our candidates we feel they are important, that our degrees are important, and the York Rite is important. The only thing we need to make their degree perfect is YOU! Come and do your part to build our York Rite!



## Dinner Reminder

Don't forget, we will enjoy a light dinner at 6:00 pm, preceding our Stated Conclaves. Stated Conclaves will begin at 7:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity for conversation, fellowship and Lady Dorothy's wonderful home cooking!



## Team Picture

As you are aware, there was no professional photographer available to take team pictures at the Buffalo Triennial Drill Team Competition. Because of this, we do not have an "Official Team Portrait". We need to rectify this problem.

On August 16th an email was sent advising all members of the team that we would be taking that Team Picture on October 11th, our next regularly scheduled Drill Team practice. It is important that all team members come on the 11th as this will be our opportunity to take the picture we need to have. Bring or wear your complete uniform, including chapeau, sword, sling, shiny drill shoes and gloves. There is no need to remove your jewels for the photo. We will take the picture before the practice begins, so please be on time.

This will be the official team portrait that will be hung on our wall until we get one of the 2018 Indianapolis Triennial winners to replace it. So make sure you are there.

See you in the photo booth!

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## Dinner Time!

Our experiment to save a few dollars on the Special Conclave dinners has been a resounding success! Our September dinner was very well received, with all in agreement that the food was delicious. This is a much more fiscally conscious answer to our needs and with the success of our experiment we will continue with the new caterer as envisioned.

It is imperative that everyone make dinner reservations so we can tell the caterer how much food to prepare. Your reservations are due the Friday preceding the dinner. This reminder appears in the calendar of events in the publication and everyone will be held to this policy. If you want to eat, you must make a reservation. This applies for all meals; catered, pot-luck or pizza.

Save this schedule so you know how to plan for dinner:

September 16	Catered Dinner (Jobies serve)
October 21	Pot Luck (Taco night)
November 18	Pizza
December 6*	Christmas Observance, Catered Dinner (Jobies serve)
December 16	No meeting
January 20	Catered Dinner (Jobies serve)
February 13*	Inspection, Catered Dinner (Jobies serve)
February 17	Pizza
March 16	Pot Luck
April 20	Installation, Catered Dinner (Jobies serve)

\* denotes special event

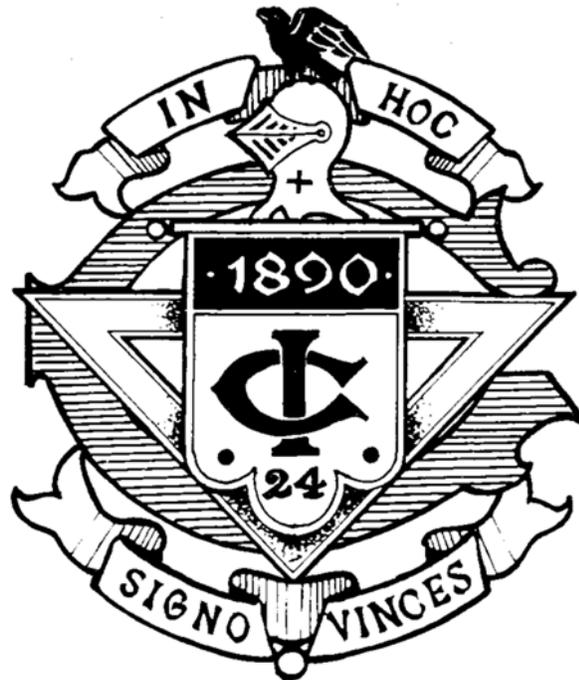
We look forward to having you join us for good food and great fellowship. Make your dinner reservation with Mick at mick290@att.net no later than the Friday before the dinners. For special events the reservation deadline will appear on the invitation. With your assistance we can continue this great Ivanhoe tradition in a fun, fiscally responsible manner. We hope to see you at dinner!

## Calendar (Tentative)

Please print and save this calendar. It will be a handy reference for the remainder of the Chivalric Year.

- Oct. 7            Stated Meeting (Full Form Opening - Duties)  
Oct. 10          125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Oct. 21          Pot Luck Dinner followed by O.T. Practice (Dress: biz caz, sword & sling)
- Nov. 4            Stated Meeting (Open Short Form + Duties)  
Nov. 18          Pizza followed by O.T. Practice (Dress: casual, sword & sling)
- Dec. 2            Stated Meeting (Full Form Opening - Duties)  
Dec. 6            Christmas Observance and Dinner
- Jan. 6            Stated Meeting (Full Form Opening)  
Jan. 20          Order of the Temple
- Feb. 3            Stated Meeting (Full Form Opening)  
Feb. 10          Full Form Opening Practice if needed (Dress: biz caz, sword & sling)  
Feb. 13          Inspection  
Feb. 17          Order of the Temple
- Mar. 2            Stated Meeting  
Mar. 9            Order of the Temple \*  
Mar. 16          Order of the Temple  
Mar. 26          Easter Observance  
Mar. 30          Order of the Temple \*
- Apr. 6            Stated Meeting: Elections  
Apr. 13          Order of the Temple \*  
Apr. 20          Installation
- May 1            Ascension Day Observance  
May 4            Stated Meeting  
May 18          Special Conclave \*

\*Dinner not yet determined





**IVANHOE COMMANDERY**  
Competitive Drill Corps  
**Wants You!**



**DO YOU LIKE COMPETITION? DO YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL?**

**ARE YOU EAGER TO GET ALL YOU CAN OUT OF BEING A TEMPLAR?**

**DOES A SHARP UNIFORM, MILITARY DRILL AND ESPRIT DE CORPS APPEAL TO YOU?**

**THEN WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!?**



**HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN!**

**NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM!**

**ALL WE REQUIRE IS THE DEDICATION AND THE COMMITMENT TO DO YOUR  
VERY BEST TO ATTEND PRACTICES AND ADHERE TO THE NECESSARY  
DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING.**

**QUALIFYING CANDIDATES MUST BE OR BECOME MEMBERS OF IVANHOE  
COMMANDERY NO. 24 OF MILWAUKEE, WI AND POSSESS OR BE WILLING TO  
OBTAIN UNIFORM ITEMS AS REQUIRED.**

**To Join...**

Contact any member of the Ivanhoe Commandery Drill Corps  
Or email Drill Corps Chairman S.K. Brad Bingheim at: [bbingheim6@gmail.com](mailto:bbingheim6@gmail.com)  
or call him at: (414) 672-9354

# IVANHOE CALENDAR

## October

- 3 Conferral of I.O.R.C. and Order of Malta  
8:00 am at McKinley Lodge
- 5 West Allis No. 84, RAM Stated, 7:00 pm
- 7 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Full From Opening
- 10 125th Anniversary Gala  
RSVPs are closed.
- 11 Drill Practice-Photo 4:00 pm at Lake
- 21 Pot-Luck Dinner at 6:00 pm  
O.T. Practice
- 23 North-Central Department Conference  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- 26 West Allis No. 84, RAM , 7:00 pm  
Mark Master Degree
- 28 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM , 7:00 pm  
Table Council @ Waukesha

## November

- 2 West Allis No. 84, RAM Stated, 7:00 pm
- 4 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Full From Opening
- 6&7 Grand Commander's Homecoming  
Robert Macoy Commandery, Madison
- 8 Drill Practice 4:00 pm at Lake
- 18 Pizza Dinner at 6:00 pm  
O.T. Practice
- 23 West Allis No. 84, RAM , 7:00 pm  
No meeting
- 28 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM , 7:00 pm  
Table Council @ Waukesha
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving!

**Mark your calendar:**

- December 6: Christmas Observance and party.
- February 13: Homecoming and Inspection

Reservations for our Commandery dinners are to be made with S.K. Mick Olson, mick290@att.net  
or 414-397-3076, prior to the Saturday before the Wednesday dinner and meeting.

## 2015-2016 Officer Corps

- Commander.....Clinton H. Cagle, G.St.B.,P.C.
- Generalissimo.....Michael P. Clinnin, G.T.
- Captain General.....Shawn P. Noble, G.S., P.C.
- Senior Warden.....Bradley E. Bingheim
- Junior Warden.....Daniel D. Gorecki
- Prelate.....Michael J. Neldner
- Treasurer.....Louis W. Montgomery, K.T.C.H., K.C.T., P.C.
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- Standard Bearer.....Peter J. Misko
- Sword Bearer.....George A. Jozwiak
- Warder.....Donald P. O'Kray
- Sentinel.....Lyle R. Hubbard, K.T.C.H., P.C.
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