



# BRIGHT SPOT



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## New Knights!

On October 1, 2016 the Sir Knights of Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, with the assistance of many Sir Knights of Ivanhoe and others Commanderies conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta upon 13 candidates representing three different Commanderies.

This was the Homecoming for Grand Commander James J. Burton and the kick-off for the 2016-2017 Inspection Season. One down and nine to go!

The day began with donuts, rolls and coffee; plain fare, but such as pilgrims need. Then it was time to Open, receive Grand Officers and receive the Flag of the United States, the twist being we did so as Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. Just like our regular ritual, only different. Unless you've seen this, you can't appreciate the difficulty when it is so close to our usual ritual in so many respects, but so different in others. The Officers had to really concentrate to pull it off, and they did a great job.



After changing out the Asylum for the next Order, the banquet lunch was enjoyed by all. It is good to share a meal with our fellow Sir Knights, Companions and Ladies.

Then it was back to work to confer the Order of Malta. The Order of Malta is two degrees in one, so stuffed full of meaning that you have to see it over and over again to appreciate it fully. Even those who have been actively involved in the conferral for several years find new tid-bits to discuss each time this beautiful Order is presented.

After the Orders everyone was impressed by the beauty and pageantry of the day. We had several new members on the ritual team and everyone did a great job. Large casts and totally different costumes make these Orders difficult to present, but we are glad Wisconsin Commandery keep the full form Orders alive in Wisconsin.

A special thanks goes out to the cast for their hard work and devotion. We were glad to welcome several new cast members this year while several others stepped up to bigger parts. With only a few opportunities to practices together it is no small task to present these complicated and beautiful Orders. A tip of the Chapeau to all those Sir Knights who made this wonderful day of Templary possible.

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# **Prelate's Apartment**

## ***Exploring the Old Testament***

Many Christians today may not be as familiar with the truths in the Old Testament. I would like to share some knowledge with you that you may not have already known or possibly have forgotten over the years.

### **Abraham: Father of a Great Nation**

Abraham's original name was Abram, which means "exalted father" or "the father is exalted." God gave him his new name, **Abraham**, which is explained as "father of a multitude." This was to emphasize God's promise to Abraham that he would have many descendants

### **Ishmael: Father of the Arabs**

Arabs are considered children of Abraham, too. They generally trace their ancestry back to Ishmael, Abraham's son by his wife's Egyptian slave, Hagar. Abraham sent the mother and son away from his household at Sarah's request (Genesis 16). Shortly after, God promised Hagar that Ishmael's descendants would make a great nation. (Genesis 21;13)

### **The long lives recorded in the Old Testament**

Many people know that Methuselah was the oldest man in the Bible, living 969 years. However, he was not unique for his time. Jared lived for 962, Noah lived for 950 years, Seth lived for 912 years, Enoch lived for 905 years, and Mahalalel lived for 895 years. The first man, Adam, lived for 930 years.

### **The Oldest Hebrew Bible**

The oldest complete version of the Hebrew Bible still in existence dates from A.D. 1008. It is part of a comprehensive collection of old Hebrew manuscripts in the Russian Public Library in St. Petersburg, brought there in the late 1800s. It is known as the Leningrad Codex.

### **The Most Expensive Bible**

The world's most expensive Bible is the copy of Gutenberg's Old Testament, containing Genesis through Psalms. It was printed in 1455, and brought \$5.39 million at an auction at Christie's in New York on October 22, 1987.

### **Abraham's Rock?**

A large rock measuring 58 feet long, 52 feet wide, and 4-6 feet high sits squarely in the middle of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Different traditions say that this is the rock upon which Abraham offered his son Isaac as a sacrifice, where the great altar of Solomon's temple stood, also from where Mohammed ascended to heaven. Today, the Muslim Dome of the Rock stands over the spot. Several years ago when the Muslims were more friendly with Christians and Jews I visited this important site.

There are many sites in Israel and the adjoining nations that are of great interest to Christians, Jews and Muslims. Today many of those sites are only visited by those of the religious group that claims ownership of the site. I own many Bibles and 2 Holy Qur'an's. We all share many beliefs and I hope that a time comes when all of us can live together in peace and trust. Please pray this will come to be!

*Rev. S.K. Roger*

# Knight School



Shoulder

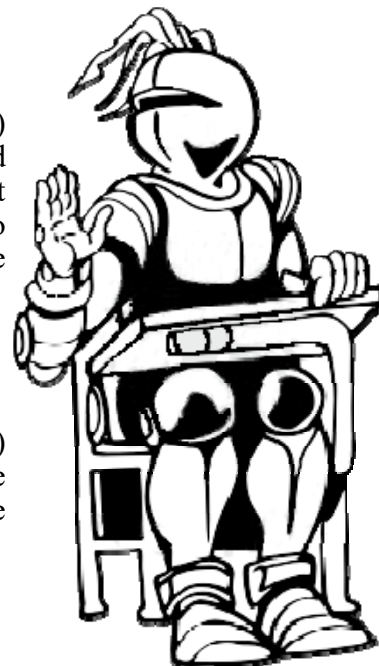
## “Shoulder, SWORDS.”

At the command of execution “SWORDS”, (1) Raise the right hand in front of the armpit and place the flat of the sword blade on the right shoulder, the edge to the left, the elbow close to the body, the point of the sword obliquely to the left and in the rear of the chapeau.

## “Carry, SWORDS.”

At the command of execution “SWORDS,” (1) Bring the sword to the position of carry in one motion, without throwing the right hand to the front, or the point of the sword to the rear.

*S.K. Brian*



## Commander’s Corner

Sir Knights,

The Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin has designated October 8th as Wisconsin Freemasonry Day. The Lake Masonic Center is planning a pancake breakfast that morning starting at 9:00 am. Ivanhoe Commandery will have a presence at the event. This is an opportunity to meet with our community. To them, we are those guys that march around the parking lot prior to the Triennial drill competition. If you are available, please stop in and introduce yourself. Gone are the days when Masonry was one of the many community organizations that garnered press coverage and local conversation. We may be a force for good and self-improvement, but only we know it!



As we fill in our calendars, we should remember that Bethel 6 is holding their Honor Masonic Bodies night on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Their dessert auction will follow the meeting. This is a chance for us to meet the daughters in their “home” and see their work. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet Masons that are not members of a Commandery.

The year is quickly passing and we are nearing the holidays and Inspection season. Burlington will start the festivities with their joint Inspection on January 7th. We should prepare to assist when we travel and our new rituals and tactics are our guide. Please bring them to our practices so we can truly all be on the same page. The reason we shine is because practice is the polish!

*E. C. Michael*

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

On October 1, 2016 Wisconsin Commandery No. 1 conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta in full form at McKinley Lodge in Brookfield. Thirteen new Knights of Malta enjoyed a great day of Templary.

Check the calendar for upcoming practices. Inspection is just around the corner so make sure you know your part and are ready. We also have several Orders of the Temple to confer!

Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM will host a 'Table Council' on October 28, 2016. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with a rededication ceremony to follow at 7:00 pm. Cost for dinner is \$10.00. RSVP to Brad before October 21st.

### SAVE THE DATE

Ivanhoe Commandery's Annual Christmas Observance and Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Please reserve the date and watch for details. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the birth of our Blessed Savior.



The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta Class of 2016.

## 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 some wonderful home cooking!





# Calendar of Events

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

Oct 5	Stated Conclave. (Rehearsal of Duties)
Oct 12	O.T. Practice.
Oct 19	Special Conclave: Subs/ O.T. Practice.
Nov 2	Stated Conclave. (Rehearsal of Duties)
Nov 9	Full Form Opening Practice.
Nov 16	Special Conclave: Dinner/Full Form Opening Practice.
Dec 4	Christmas Observance/Party.
Dec 7	Stated Conclave. (Rehearsal of Duties)
Dec 14	O.T. Practice.
Dec 21	Special Conclave: Dark.
Jan 4	Stated Conclave. (Full Form Opening)
Jan 11	O.T. Practice.
Jan 18	Special Conclave: Dinner/O.T.
Feb 1	Stated Conclave. (Full Form Opening)
Feb 8	O.T.
Feb 15	Special Conclave: Subs/O.T.
Mar 1	Stated Conclave. (Full Form Opening)
Mar 4	Inspection, 9:00 am.
Mar 8	O.T.
Mar 15	Special Conclave: Pizza/O.T.
Mar 29	O.T.
Apr 5	Stated Conclave. (Elections)
Apr 8	Easter Observance.
Apr 12	Practice/Drill.
Apr 19	Special Conclave: Dinner/Installation.



## Drill Practices

Sunday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	3-5pm Lake Lodge
Sunday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Sunday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	3-5pm SMHS
Sunday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Drill Team Exhibition - Grand Convocation Tripoli Shrine Center – Details TBA



**IVANHOE COMMANDERY**  
Competitive Drill Team  
**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 WATCH? 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 Team  
Or email Drill Team Chairman S.K. Brad Bingheim at: [bbingheim6@gmail.com](mailto:bbingheim6@gmail.com)  
or call him at: (414) 672-9354

# IVANHOE CALENDAR

## October

- 3 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm  
Stated Convocation.
- 5 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Rehearsal of Duties.
- 12 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm  
OT Practice.
- 16 Drill Team Practice, 3:00 pm  
Lake
- 19 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm  
OT Practice. Subs at 6:00.
- 22 Northcentral Department Conference  
South Dakota
- 24 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm  
Special Convocation.
- 26 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM , 7:00 pm  
Stated Assembly.
- 29 Super Excellent Master Degree  
LaCrosse.

## November

- 2 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Rehearsal of Duties.
- 7 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm  
Stated Convocation.
- 9 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Full Form Opening Practice.
- 12 Freemason Day. See the Lodge calendar  
for planned activities.
- 16 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Full Form Opening Practice. Dinner 6:00.
- 20 Drill Team Practice, 3:00 pm  
Lake
- 23 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM , DARK
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm  
Special Convocation.

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

## 2015-2016 Officer Corps



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Generalissimo.....	Shawn P. Noble, G.W., P.C.
Captain General.....	Bradley E. Bingheim
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Sword Bearer.....	Conrad W. Zvara
Warder.....	Lyle C. Farrell, K.T.C.H., P.C.
Sentinel.....	Lyle R. Hubbard, K.T.C.H., P.C.
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Ladies of Ivanhoe, President.....Mrs. Dorothy Cigale  
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