



BRIGHT SPOT



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Back to Work!

It's been an awesome summer! The weather has been warm, but dry. I've gotten so much work done around the house you won't recognize it. It's especially nice not to worry about rain cancelling the many activities we try to squeeze into the brief few months of Wisconsin Summer.

We've had a lot of fun, too. From our 'School of the Knight' evenings at Lake Masonic Center, to ritual rehearsals at McKinley Lodge, to a great picnic at Farrell Farms, it's been a busy, fun summer. Thank you to all who came and participated.

What's so fun about ritual practices and 'Knight School' you may ask? It's really quite simple. It is no secret that our craft is 'shrinking'. Membership numbers are down. And we are losing our eldest members faster than we can bring in new members. Because of this we have had to pull together, probably taking on more duties than we had intended, but working hard for our craft and our Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights who labor beside us. Wherever we go we usually find the usual suspects, working behind the scenes as well in front, giving their all to make today's event a success, whether performing ritual work or enjoying a sandwich together before a practice, we have become family.

Last summer I realized just how much of a family we are. At times you wonder if we haven't become too busy, working so hard we forget some of the important aspects of our craft. That, I can assure you is not happening. The many visits and countless notes of caring and encouragement overwhelmed my emotions; and the back of my poor mailman. In spite of how busy we are, we find time to be Brothers.

So, as we return to the usual labors of our craft, let's take a moment and thank our Lord for the special gift he has given us. As much as I love our craft and the work we do, it is the people who really matter. I must be honest and tell you, if I get to hang out with you guys, I don't care if we are doing Masonry, or digging ditches, I'll be happy doing it with you, my Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights. Our bonds transcend even our beloved craft and link us together with the indissoluble chain we know as 'Brotherly Love'.

It's been a wonderful summer! But I'm looking forward to getting back to our craft and laboring with my Brethren. The cold Wisconsin winter is just around the corner, but the warmth of our sincere affection for one another will continue to glow in our hearts.

See you in the Asylum!

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Prelate's Apartment

Facts about Jesus Christ

Jesus was Multilingual. Most everyday conversation in Palestine was in Aramaic, but Jesus also knew Hebrew, which was used in the synagogues and the temple, as well as in many Jewish homes. The trade language of the day was Greek, spoken to foreigners (including the Romans) since the time of Alexander the Great.

Was Jesus a Real Rabbi? A rabbi was someone respected for their knowledge and understanding. The word came from a Hebrew word that means “Great One” and had come to mean “teacher” or “master”. Jesus never objected to being called rabbi or master, although he cautioned the elders and his disciples not to seek such titles, because “whoever exalts himself will be humbled.”
(Matthew 23:12)

Jewish Converts. Gentiles were converted to Judaism, but often with less than ideal results. Generally, Jews at that time were suspicious of the converts, called proselytes, and considered them genetically blemished and unfit for any leadership role. Jesus was referring to these proselytes when he told the Pharisees they “bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulder.”
(Matthew 23:4)

A Synagogue Service. The synagogue had no priests and no sacrifices. After the recitation of prayers, scrolls were given to seven different readers who read assigned selections in Hebrew. When the reader finished, he sat down and gave a brief sermon in Aramaic, the language used in daily life. Anyone could do this—and Jesus did when he announced to his hometown that was the Christ.
(Luke 4:16-21)

Sections of the Temple at Jerusalem. Herod's temple, where Jesus often taught, was twice the size of the second temple, with an outer Court of the Gentiles that was 1,000 feet wide by 1,500 feet long. Inside the perimeters was a courtyard where only Jews, including women, were allowed, and inside that was a courtyard for Jewish men only. Then, surrounding the sanctuary, was a courtyard for only priests.

The Steps of the Rabbis. Jesus often taught in the Court of the Gentiles, and occasionally outside the temple on the “steps of the rabbis.” These broad limestone steps, which led up to the temple from the south, have been excavated and are visible today. Classes were often held outside on these steps.

Many Miracles. Most of Jesus' miracles took place in a small area on the north side of the Sea of Galilee. This included Capernaum, Chorazin, and Bethsaida. The miracles provoked so little response that Jesus said several notably wicked cities in the Old Testament (including Sodom) would have repented if they had seen what He was doing. **Matthew 11:20-24**

Holy Ground. Jesus was baptized near Jericho in the lower Jordan. The site is also near Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land, and near Bethel, where Abraham built an altar. Nearby, Jacob saw a ladder ascending into heaven, and Elijah was taken up in a chariot and fed by ravens.

Rev. S.K. Roger

Knight School

On Being Seated

Officers and Knights when being seated at their Stations, or on the sidelines, will be faced toward the front, one pace in front of their chairs, they will take two fifteen inch steps backward, then pick up their scabbards in a manner similar to secure swords, and will then be seated, with the scabbard resting on their left thighs, and the point thereof, extending downward between their legs.

On Arising

Officers and Knights after arising, will drop scabbards to their left sides, and then take one thirty inch pace forward.

S.K. Brian



Commander's Corner

Sir Knights,

Summer is waning and we return to our work. Our Inspection is Saturday, March 4th 2017. This does seem like a distant event that will require our attention at a later date. While we will not need to be a slave to our ritual, we will need focus and regular practice if we are to confer the Order of the Temple and exemplify our other work at a level meeting our expectations. Our Tactics and Rituals have arrived and are available for purchase from the Quartermaster.

At our **Sept 7th** Stated Conclave, we will run through our duties as given in the full form opening.

On **Sept 14th** we will have a light practice on Full Form and O.T. floor work as needed. If you have questions about your parts, this is the best time to ask.

Sept 21 will have the traditional catered dinner followed by a Full Form Opening practice. Don't forget your lady! I request attire for this dinner be business casual since we should be comfortable when we practice. If you have any uniform questions, please bring it so you can get the needed answers.

Please do not ignore the opportunities offered in our practices. While you may have total command of your part, the S.K. who takes your que or gives you a que may not. All of our ritual is a team event and needs all participants to be successful.

The Drill Team practices at Lake Lodge on Sept 11 at 3:00pm. Another chance to march with the best!

E. C. Michael

Drill Floor

I hope you have all had a relaxing and refreshing summer. Thank you to all the Sir Knights that worked so hard to show off our stuff at the Grand Conclave in Green Bay this past June. You all did a great job under very tough circumstances.

With all the niceties out of the way, it is time to start to prepare for Indy 2018. The rough and rugged road to Indy is going to be a long and painful one. There will be pitfalls, unavoidable circumstances, and times when we all just want to give up. But what lies at the conclusion of the next 23 months is nothing short of glory, history, bragging rights, and oh yeah, a gold watch. Along this journey however will be times of pure joy, friendship, support, and the true meaning of masonic brotherhood. This is what it is really all about. (And the gold watch.)

Below are the dates for Drill Practices for the next year. We will meet in the fall at Lake Masonic Center and again work on the basics. Even if you have been drilling for 30 years, it is good to go back to the basics. We will be teaching our new knights as well. This is also a great time to share your knowledge. After the new year we will begin to put all the basics together into the drill routine. We will move our practices to South Milwaukee High School so that we can better move.



Sir Knights it is very important that you attend as many practices as you can. The goal is to field at least another "C" team and defend our title, but I would love to get us back to a "B" team. (An "A" team would be incredible, but I do not see it.) So as we look forward, Each and every practice will be important as the Drill Captain will evaluate each and every knight to make sure that he is truly capable of going on the floor. If we have more than a "C" team and less than a "B" team; the Captain will set the lines accordingly.

It is also a dream of mine to have enough cohorts around to be able to field a full color guard at pass and review, along with our team. Who knows, if we can get enough we may be able to add two pipers to the mix. Just a thought.

However you look at it we are only 22 months away from Indy 2018 and there is a lot of work to do..

See you all on the drill floor!

Unto His Name be all the Glory,

S.K. Brad



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

Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM conferred the Cryptic Degrees on **August 6th** at Lake Masonic Center. We were pleased to welcome and Greet five new Companions for our Council and two Companions for Burlington and Warren Councils. All present enjoyed a great day of Cryptic Masonry and warm fellowship. Much thanks to the Companions who assisted in the work, from meal preparation to degree presentation and stage crew. Everyone pitched in to make this a great day for our candidates.

On **October 1, 2016** Wisconsin Commandery No. 1 will be conferring the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta in full form at McKinley Lodge in Brookfield. Be sure to reserve the date for this 'don't miss' event. Registration is at 8:00 am; our Banquet will be at 11:30 for only \$25.00. We should be done about 3:00 pm. RSVP S.K. Brain Hudy before September 23rd.

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!



Dinner Reminder

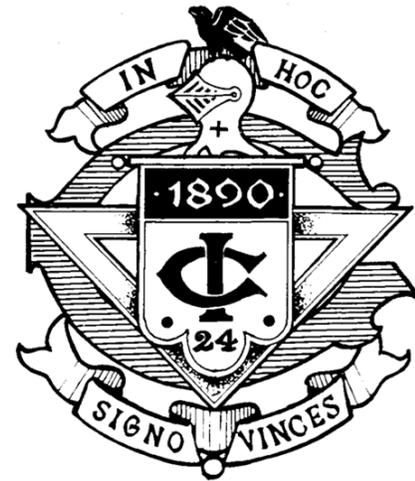
Don't forget, we will enjoy a light dinner at 6:00 pm, preceding our Stated Conclaves. Stated Conclaves will begin at 7:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity for conversation, fellowship and some wonderful home cooking!



Calendar of Events

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

Sept 7	Stated Conclave.
Sept 14	O.T. Practice.
Sept 21	Special Conclave: Dinner/Full Form Opening Practice
Oct 5	Stated Conclave. (Rehearsal of Duties)
Oct 12	O.T. Practice.
Oct 19	Special Conclave: Subs/ O.T. Practice.
Nov 1	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. (or O.T. practice)
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. (if needed)
Apr 5	Stated Conclave. (Elections)
Apr 8	Easter Observance.
Apr 12	Practice/Drill.
Apr 19	Special Conclave: Dinner/Installation.



Drill Practices

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



IVANHOE COMMANDERY
Competitive Drill Team
Wants You!



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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
or call him at: (414) 672-9354

IVANHOE CALENDAR

September

- 7 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm
Light dinner at 6pm.
- 14 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm
OT Practice.
- 17 M.W.G.M. Hensiak Testimonial
Tripoli Temple, 5:00 pm.
- 21 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm
Full Form Practice, Buffet dinner at 6pm.
Dress: Business Casual (Sword and
Chapeau for practice.)
- 24 R&SM Grand Assembly
Green Bay.
- 26 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Stated Convocation.
- 28 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM , 7:00 pm
Stated Assembly.

October

- 1 Red Cross and Malta Orders, 9:00 am
McKinley Lodge.
- 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.
- 19 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm
OT Practice. Subs at 6:00.
- 21 North-Central Department Meeting
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.

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.

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