

ADVANCE REPORTS

FOR THE
158TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF KANSAS

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Bluemont Hotel
Manhattan, Kansas

And yet, another blank page



2025-2026 Grand Commanders Annual Report

I would like to express my appreciation for the honor of being elected as your Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Kansas on May 3, 2025. My installation officer was Past Right Eminent Roger Walls who also appointed me to the line.

My masonic career has been extremely rewarding. My father-in-law W.: Charles Barker sponsored me to become a Master Mason. I have had the honor of being the Master of Overland Park lodge, and Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, High Priest of Wyandotte Chapter, and Master of Wyandotte Council. I am also a past Sovereign Master of our AMD, Past Excellent Chief for Knight Mason. In 2024, I was elected Governor of the Kansas York Rite College.#125. I am a member of Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest; Red Cross of Constantine; Societas Rosicrucians; Yeoman of

York; Order of St. Patrick; Royal Order of Scotland; Scarlet Cord; Knights of Columbus; Shrine; Sword of Bunker Hill; The Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters; Scottish Rite; Association of Past Commanders; and Ashmole Court #181. I enjoy every minute of it. It is my desire to see our Masonry and York Rite grow and prosper.

I worked for insurance companies as Loss Control person and then as an Underwriter for Commercial insurance. My career started in New Orleans, and later transferred to Shreveport, LA, then transferred back to New Orleans. I was transferred to The Woodlands TX then to Chicago in January, 1991. I knew I was not in the South anymore, because that stuff on the ground was not sand. Then they transferred to Kansas in January of 1996. I retired from Travelers insurance in February 2021.

Between my wife, Linda, and I we have 8 children, 17 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. They are scattered all over, Baltimore, MD, Covington, LA, New Orleans, Chicago, Lincoln Ne, and St. Louis. So I have plenty of places to visit now. As for fun, I enjoy visiting my kids, and great grandchildren. My wife and I enjoy traveling and seeing new things in the U.S.

In Kansas we (Grand Commandery) set a goal to bring all Commanderies to 100% KTEF Life Sponsorship. I appointed a chairman and two Sir Knights to promote this program. They are responsible for meeting with each commandery in the state to promote the benefits of KTEF. We are remarkably close to our goal.

Some of the items that are promoted are:

The donation to the KTEF by way of payment plans.

Suggesting that when you bring in a new Sir Knight, include in the ignition fee the amount for KTEF.

Each Commandery contact those members that are not currently life members, to become one.

Commanderies with the funds that would enable them to just pay for members that are not KTEF Life members, to do so.

There are representatives appointed for the charity of the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Items that we are using:

More education to the Commanderies, some Commanderies are unaware of the Educational loans.

Created a Dennis Taylor award for a \$250 Donation to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. This can be done by installments.

During this year, the three heads of the York Rite bodies have created a good web site for Kansas York Rite. V. E. Patrick Carr is the main developer of the web site and has done a great job.

Topics on it are:

Education that can be used for meetings, and further education for members.

York Rite magazines and Inserts.

The downloading of forms for joining and for events that we host.

Events/Registration/ and payments can now be made on line.

Calendar so all members can be kept up to date with what is happening.

Link to Grand Encampment. This allows members to obtain further education. Access to courses offered by Grand Encampment.

We have had several Grand Commandery members who have taken advantage of the Leadership courses, Chaplain Program, and Historian Program.

The three heads of York Rite have also pushed to improve communication between each body. As well as our York Rite members, we each write a note each month letting the members know what we are doing. Also we have developed books that have clear concise duties and expectations of each York Rite Officer. The Strategic Plan was also included within this booklet. There was a Grand York Rite officer school conducted in March prior to Session to go over the handbooks with the officers to be sure everyone knew what was expected. Within the booklet was indicated the activities plan for the year, which included a list of Grand Commanders' visits to the various Commanderies throughout the state.

I am incredibly grateful for my line of Grand officers. They performed very supportive this year.

During the year, I did have to make some changes in the line due to some officers decided they needed to attend to other duties. I am incredibly grateful for the Sir Knights who stepped up and filling the vacancies.

During my term, I had the honor of attending the Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and the DeMolay Conclave. I also represented the Grand Commandery at the Missouri, Louisiana, and Oklahoma grand York Rite sessions and the Kansas Grand Lodge of Masons at the Annual Communication. I was honored to attend the Social Order of the Beauceant Session in Derby, KS.

The 4th annual Grand Commanders dinner was held at the Champions Landing Country club. We had a nice meal and a great speaker, a person who went on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. He described his experiences to the guests. It was a great time for all.

I am pleased to say that during my term we knighted 39 new Knights. During my visits I pushed for the use of the Kansas approved opening and closing. I found some Commanderies using the Grand Encampment opening in closing which does not teach the special items that make Commandery Stand out from a Lodge meeting. I issued 10 General Orders during my year.

Kansas Grand Commandery was well represented at the South-Central Department Conference in League City, TX.

I was able to visit 14 of the 15 Commanderies and was well received. Each commandery was very receptive to using the Kansas Official opening (10 man open). We practiced sword drills and new Sir Knights were very receptive to them.

In recap, I am very proud of my Officers and the things they have accomplished this year. I am very grateful to Sir Knights for allowing me to serve as your Grand Commander.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No. 1

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

By virtue of the action taken at the Annual Conclave held at Manhattan, Kansas, on May 3, 2025, A.O. 907, I hereby assume command of the Commandery comprising the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

The following personal staff is hereby elected and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

S.K. Patrick C. Carr, V.: E.: Deputy Grand Commander

S.K. Justin D. Crippen, E.: Grand Generalissimo

S.K. Gary B. Strout, E.: Grand Captain General

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, the 4th day of May, 2025, A.O. 907

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
R.:E.: Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R.:E.: Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No.2

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

The place of the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth Conclave of the Grand Commandery has been fixed and will be held in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, May 2, 2026.

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, the 4th day of May, 2025, A.O. 907

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
R:;E:; Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R:;E:; Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No.3

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knight Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

To promote the image of Templar Masonry in Kansas, a “blanket dispensation” is hereby issued to all Knights Templar in Kansas to make appearance in public, in uniform for such duties and/or occasion as funeral, parades, escort duties, and such other ceremonies as are appropriate as long as sufficient numbers are present to insure the proper and impressive appearance. The determination of “sufficient” shall be the responsibility of the Senior Officer present.

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, the 4th day of May, 2025, A.O. 907

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
R.:E.: Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R.:E.: Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No.4

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knight Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

To promote the image of Templar Masonry in Kansas, a Color Guard will be established to perform Flag Presentations, Escort duties, and any additional events the Captain deems appropriate.

The Color Guard will be recognized by a Red Cord over the left shoulder, and the Captain and Assistant Captain to have Red/Gold Cords.

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, the 4th day of May, 2025, A.O. 907

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
R:..E:.. Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R:..E:.. Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No. 5

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knight Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

WHEREAS, SK James Harold Nolte, REPGC has passed on to be with the Grand Architect of the Universe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, the duly elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, authorize the addition of a “Black Ribbon” to be added to the Sword Hilt, from this date until the Grand Conclave on May 1, 2026, in remembrance of this Sir Knight.

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 15th day of May, 2025, A.O.907.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
E. Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R.E. Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No. 6

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knight Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

WHEREAS, Kansas Grand Commandery of Knights Templar has two (2) approved Opening Ceremonies. One is the 10-Man Opening, and the other is the 12-Man Opening.

WHEREAS, the Class B Opening is not an approved opening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, the duly elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, direct all constituent local Commanderies to use either the 10-Man or 12-Man Openings. The Class B Opening will be allowed ONLY when insufficient Sir Knights are present to perform the approved openings.

I FURTHER DIRECT, it is the responsibility of the Commander to see that all Sir Knights are proficient in the sword drill and attributes.

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 15th day of May, 2025, A.O.907.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
E. Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R.E. Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No. 7

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

WHEREAS, Per Grand Encampment Constitution, the Grand Commander has the authority to appoint replacements to the Grand Officer line of the Grand Commandery.

WHEREAS, Sir Knight Ivan M. DeTevis submitted his resignation as Grand Senior Warden.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, the duly elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, do hereby appoint the following Officers to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas:

**Grand Senior Warden – Sir Knight Delmus R. Morrow
Grand Junior Warden – Sir Knight Andrew G. Mosley
Grand Standard Bearer – Sir Knight Warren L. Hughes
Grand Sword Bearer – Sir Knight Anthony J. Pence**

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 15th day of May, 2025, A.O.907.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
E. Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R.E. Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No. 8

Leavenworth Commandery #1, Knight Templar of Kansas

WHEREAS, there is a need to move the Charter of Leavenworth Commandery #1 Knight Templar of Prairie Village, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas and;

WHEREAS, it having been made to appear that the resident members of said Commandery are in agreement with the proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, the duly elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, do hereby declare the charter of the above named Commandery be moved, and be known as Leavenworth Commandery #1 Knight Templar of Overland Park, Kansas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such move be effective on August 1, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Recorder, or member acting officially in such capacity, of Leavenworth Commandery #1 of Overland Park, Kansas file all reports and correspondence as Leavenworth Commandery #1 Knight Templar of Overland Park, Kansas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all properties, accounts, books and records solely belonging to Leavenworth Commandery #1 Knight Templar be moved from Prairie Village, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 5th day of July, 2025, A.O.907.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
E. Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R.E. Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No. 9

Aleppo Commandery #31, Knight Templar of Kansas

WHEREAS, there is a need to move the Charter of Aleppo Commandery #31 Knight Templar of Hays, Kansas to Russell, Kansas and;

WHEREAS, it having been made to appear that the resident members of said Commandery are in agreement with the proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, the duly elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, do hereby declare the charter of the above named Commandery be moved, and be known as Aleppo Commandery #31 Knight Templar of Russell, Kansas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such move be effective on September 1, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Recorder, or member acting officially in such capacity, of Aleppo Commandery #31 of Russell, Kansas file all reports and correspondence as Aleppo Commandery #31 Knight Templar of Russell, Kansas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all properties, accounts, books and records solely belonging to Aleppo Commandery #31 Knight Templar be moved from Hays, Kansas to Russell, Kansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 1st day of September, 2025, A.O.907.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
E. Grand Recorder**

Frederick R. Kemp

**Frederick R. Kemp
R.E. Grand Commander**

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

General Order No. 10

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

WHEREAS, Per Grand Encampment Constitution, the Grand Commander has the authority to appoint replacements to the Grand Officer line of the Grand Commandery.

WHEREAS, Sir Knight Gary B. Strout submitted his resignation as Grand Captain General.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, the duly elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, do hereby appoint the following Officers to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas:

Grand Captain General – Sir Knight Delmus R. Morrow
Grand Senior Warden – Sir Knight Andrew G. Mosley
Grand Junior Warden – Sir Knight Warren L. Hughes
Grand Standard Bearer – Sir Knight Kelly J. Long
Grand Sword Bearer – Sir Knight Anthony J. Pence

Done in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 1st day of January, 2026, A.O.908.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson

E. Grand Recorder

Frederick R. Kemp

Frederick R. Kemp

R.E. Grand Commander

Office of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Application has been made to me by Leavenworth Commandery #1 of Knights Templar of Kansas, under our Jurisdiction, for a Special Dispensation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby grant this, my Special Dispensation, authorizing the above mentioned Commandery to meet in such Stated Conclave as may be deemed best to,

Elect and Install a Captain General, and any other Officers such election may create. And No More.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the

City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 1st day of March, 2026, A.O. 908

ATTEST:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson

Grand Recorder

Frederick R. Kemp

Frederick R. Kemp

R.:E.: Grand Commander

Office of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Application has been made to me by Esdraelon Commandery #49 of Knights Templar of Kansas, under our Jurisdiction, for a Special Dispensation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick R. Kemp, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby grant this, my Special Dispensation, authorizing the above mentioned Commandery to,

Move the March 19, 2026 Conclave meeting date to March 26, 2026, due to conflict with Grand Lodge of Kansas

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the

City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 13th day of March, 2026, A.O. 908

ATTEST:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson

Frederick R. Kemp

Frederick R. Kemp

Grand Commandery Committee Report on Ritualistic Work:

Right Eminent Grand Commander Frederick R. Kemp and members of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

First, we are saddened by the loss of our Dear Friends and Sir Knights that have passed away in the last year. They labored in the quarries until they laid down their working tools to join the Great Architect of the Universe. Their ritualistic work and their teaching of the work to the rest of us will be greatly missed. Please keep their families in your prayers.

This Grand Commandery has been involved in several Festivals and events throughout the state of Kansas this past year.

On Thursday May 1, 2025, several Knights were initiated into the Past Commanders Association of Kansas at the Annual Session of the Grand York Rite of Kansas. Out of state visitors were made Honorary Members of the Past Commanders Association of Kansas. We thank the players who performed the work, and those who assisted in making it happen, for their hard work.

On Friday May 3rd, Right Eminent Gary A. Mason, Grand Commander of KS, and the Grand Commandery officers resumed labor in the Grand Commandery of KS. They did an outstanding job with the ritual work in the resuming of labor and of calling off to refreshment. Right Eminent Gary A. Mason did a superb job of conducting the Grand Session. We thank him and his officers for doing an outstanding job.

On Monday May 26th the Knights Templars of Kansas attended the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Junction City, KS. This event has been hosted by the Knights of Junction City for over 35 years. The Knights and their families had lunch at the First Presbyterian Church. We thank the members of the church for allowing us to meet in their beautiful building. After lunch the Knights went across the street to Heritage Park. The Knights marched up to the Korean/Vietnam War Memorial. The Knights did an outstanding job. Right Eminent Gary A. Mason brought greetings from the Grand Commandery of Kansas and he assisted with the Laying of the Wreath. Thank you to all the Sir Knights and their families that attended this event. We also thank the Most Worshipful Derik Hockett, Grand Master of Masons of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Kansas for always assisting with this ceremony.

On Saturday July 12, 2025, the Knights assisted in conferring the Council Degrees and the Orders of Templary in Newton, Kansas. We had a great turnout and several Companions were Knighted. Thank you to all those that assisted in making this event one that will be imprinted in the minds of those who attended.

On Saturday July 26, 2025, a Knight Templar Feast was held at Champions Landing Golf and Disc Golf Course in Emporia, KS. The Grand Commandery Color Guard presented the colors. We thank the Color Guard for their continued efforts to make events across Kansas more special by presenting the colors. This group of Sir Knights practice long and hard to refine their skills. We are Blessed to have such talented Sir Knights as members of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

On Saturday October 25, 2025, the Sir Knights of Kansas attended a School of Instruction at Palmyra Lodge. The ritual of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery were covered at this very informative school.

On Friday March 20, 2026, several Sir Knights of Kansas assisted with the Arch of Steel at the Grand Opening of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for Most Worshipful Derik Hockett.

On Saturday March 21, 2026, several Sir Knights of Kansas assisted with the Arch of Steel at the Grand Lodge of Kansas Installation of Officers for Most Worshipful David Hendrix. We thank the Sir Knights that assisted with the Arch of Steel on Friday and Saturday. They always do an outstanding job of representing the Grand Commandery of Kansas with their proficient work.

On Saturday April 24, 2025, several Sir Knights of Kansas attended the Grand York Rite Officers Training in McPherson, Kansas.

As you can see from the above schedule, Templar Masons of Kansas have been very involved in performing ritual work over the past year. We take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their continued commitment to the Grand Commandery of Kansas. We thank them for their hard work. If it were not for their help and hard work, some of the events across Kansas may not have happened and others would not have been as impressive.

It was a great year for Knight Templary in Kansas. Sir Knights came together from every part of the state to put on the work for candidates that were eager to learn. We thank those companions who worked behind the scenes to help make our ritual work better. We are blessed in Kansas to have so many Sir Knights that are willing to step up and take on the many responsibilities.

The Committee on Ritualistic Work, thanks Right Eminent Grand Commander Frederick R. Kemp for giving this committee the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery.

H. Wayne Rector, PMEGHP, Chairman
Wayne H. Rolf, PMEGHP
Dale Morrow, PEHP

Chartered Commanderies and Commanderies UD

To: Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Kansas

Subject: Annual Report for the Chartered Commanderies and Commanderies UD for the 2025-2026 Term.

The committee has received no referrals from the Annual Reports of Commanderies or requests for assistance from the Grand Recorder this year. Additionally, the committee has received no applications for Warrants of Constitution for new Commanderies.

The Sir Knights of the committee wish to thank The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas for this opportunity to be of service to the Order.

Courteously and respectfully submitted,

REPGC James R Burns, III, Chairman

REPGC L Kent Needham, Member

Grand Generalissimo Dale Marrow, Member

Grand Commandery Committee Report on the Holy Land Pilgrimage:

Right Eminent Grand Commander Frederick R. Kemp and members of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

Due to the conflicts in the Middle East, we did not send a Minister to the Holy Land in 2026. We are praying that we will be able to send one in 2027.

We are still raising money so that we can send Ministers in the future. One way to help us raise money, is by purchasing the Companion Dennis Taylor Jewel. The money raised from the sale of this jewel goes to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee thanks Right Eminent Grand Commander Frederick R. Kemp for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery.

H. Wayne Rector, PREGC (Chairman)
Dale Morrow, PEC
Kelly Long, PEC

Perpetual Life Membership Committee

The York Rite Perpetual Membership Committee is pleased to submit the annual report to the Sir Knights. Prior to providing the details of this report the Committee would like to encourage a review of the current by-laws regarding the membership of the committee for either modification or to assist us, as a governing body, to move into compliance with our own by-laws. For example, in Section I paragraph 3 of the by-laws it states in part that *“The Perpetual Membership Committee shall consist of nine (9) members as follows: three (3) members initially appointed for one, two and three years by each of the presiding officers of the Grand York Rite. Thereafter the presiding officer of each Grand Body will appoint one committee member each year for a three (3) year term.”* In paragraph 4 it goes on to state that *“This Committee shall hold its first meeting at (during) the Grand York Rite Session each year to determine its elected Committee Chairman...”* Currently, the presiding officer of each body establishes their own Committee members and designates their own Chairman and that has changes annually. There are other paragraphs that set out the timing of reports which may not be the best time for the Committee to provide the most accurate information to our members. This information is not intended to be a criticism,

but to inform future leadership of the discrepancy between the by-laws of the PPLM and our current practices.

With that preamble out of the way, the Committee is pleased to provide the following information for review:

Year End	2025			
Total Int.	\$ 9,000.00	Annual Return	4.2067%	
	RAM	KT	CM	Total
Principal	\$69,469.64	\$ 88,191.59	\$56,285.11	\$213,946.34
Interest	\$ 2,855.93	\$ 3,710.43	\$ 2,367.20	\$ 8,933.56
Man. Fee	\$ 60.82	\$ 80.01	\$ 122.33	\$ 263.16
Net Int.	\$ 2,760.28	\$ 3,630.42	\$ 2,311.31	\$ 8,702.01
			Net Total	\$ 8,965.17

The chart above reflects the endowed principle and earnings for all three bodies for the year. Note that the Net Interest of \$3,630.42 was distributed to the constituent Commanderies as detailed in the chart below.

Grand Commandry	
Goodland	\$ 23.78
Grand Commandry	\$ 72.06
Grand York Rite	\$ 13.74
Hiawatha	\$ 146.54
Independence	\$ 53.57
Junction City	\$ 221.42
Kingman	\$ 50.16
Leavenworth	\$ 877.62
Liberal	\$ 127.83
Pittsburg	\$ 303.02
Salina	\$ 142.48
Topeka	\$ 140.05
Wichita	\$ 855.42
Winfield	\$ 79.62
(blank)	\$ -
Baldwin City	\$ 322.19
Hays	\$ 19.26
Iola	\$ 181.66
Grand Total	\$3,630.42

The Committee would like to commend and thank Sir Knight Allan Jackson for his hard work and attention toward the management of the finances of the Perpetual Membership Fund.

We, the members of this Committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandry of Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sir Knight L. Kent Needham, REPGC, Chairman
 Sir Knight Wayne H. Rolf, REPGC
 Sir Knight Andrew G. Mosley, EGJW

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas
Reports of Grand Officers Committee
2025 - 2026

Annual reports from SK Fred Kemp, REGC and SK Allan Jackson, EGR were received by the Committee. The reports were found to be appropriate with sufficient information on the activities and events throughout the year. No further information was required; they were in good order and submitted to Grand Commandery for admission into the Advanced Reports.

Also, monthly reports were received from 10 Grand Commandery Officers. These reports contained information of the activities of the Officers during each month. Activities included; Blue Lodge meetings, York Rite meetings, Degree conferrals, attendance at other invitational Masonic organizations, travel to other Lodges and in some cases other countries. The Grand Commandery Officers were very busy and engaged throughout the whole year. The reports contained too much information to detail in this report. A computer file of all their individual reports has been submitted to the Grand Record to keep on file. If interested contact the Grand Recorder and he can forward the file to you. The committee, respectfully, submits this report for admission into the Advanced Reports.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, this committee would like to thank you for allowing us to serve on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
SK Wayne D. Drake, Chairman (REPGC)
SK Delmus R. Morrow (PGM)
SK L. Kent Neednam (REPGC, PGM)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2025-26

First off, I would like to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Fredrick R. Kemp for the opportunity and appointment to serve this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year.

As in the past, the following is submitted so that all may be aware of the District Chairman for this year.
Area 1 – S.K. Kenny Foster

Hiawatha #13, Hiawatha; Leavenworth #1, Prairie Village;

Area 2 – S.K. L. Kent Needham

Topeka #5, Topeka; DeMolay #4, Lawrence; Junction City #43, Junction City

Area 3 – S. K. Justin D. Crippen

Esdraelon #49, Iola; St. Bernard #10, Independence; Lochinvar #52, Coffeyville;
Mont joie #29, Pittsburg

Area 4 – S.K. Justin D. Crippen

Askelon #6, Salina; Mt. Olivet #12, Wichita; Winfield #15, Winfield; Aleppo #31, Hays

Area 5 – S.K. Justin D. Crippen

Kingman #34, Kingman; Columbia #38, Goodland; Liberal #55, Liberal

SK Kenny Foster wishes to step down this year from his duties as chairman due to personal issues. His service will be missed. So, I SK Justin Crippen will finish out the year in his place. I also did not get a full detail of District Chairman this year, so I had to pick up the slack. I unfortunately could not get to all the Commanderies this year. I want to thank Sir Knight L. Kent Needham, PREGC for presenting an award to Topeka #5 for their work contributing to the KTEF this year.

The push to get all Kansas Commanderies to 100% on the life sponsorship to the KTEF is getting better. I'm happy to report Kansas has still moved up over last year from 42.5% in 2024, to 45.7% in 2025 to 61.39% of the active members of the state having purchased life memberships to the KTEF. We are up 74.44% over last year. I wish to Congratulate Leavenworth #1, St. Bernard #10, Mt. Olivet #12 and DeMolay #4, to achieve 100% in 2025. Thank you to DeMolay #4 for holding 100%. The other 3 need to get their couple new people done to get back to 100%. So, for a moment Kansas had 4ea of 15ea Commanderies at a 100%. We can do it!!! We also had 11ea of 15ea Commanderies that was presented with Awards for their donations to the KTEF for the 57th Voluntary Campaign. We had 5 Commanderies reach a seal for achieving \$10.00 or more per member, they are: Leavenworth #1, DeMolay #4, Askelon #5, Mt. Olivet #12, Junction City #43. We had 4 Commanderies received their plaque and certificates for achieving \$10.00 or more per member for the 1st time and they are: St Bernard #10, Winfield #15, Montjoie #29 and Kingman #34. We had 2 Commanderies receive a certificate for achieving \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member and are: Topeka #5 and Liberal #55. Congratulations to all the hard-working Commanderies. Thank you!

I am pleased to share that all Commanderies have a link to me and the foundation, thanks to the District Chairman. I look forward to the donations from Kansas increasing each month.

I also want to congratulate Sir Knights Kenny Foster, L. Kent Needham x 7 times, Andrew G. Mosley, John C. Weibel x 2 and Justin D. Crippen for completing their \$1,000.00 mark and joining the Grand Master's Club for 2025. Thank you for your continued support to this great cause.

Please make sure and visit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation website at KTEF.org for all the wonderful things the Foundation is doing. It's truly amazing work. Also, that's where you can donate. Contact your district chairman or me to get you the right paperwork for your donations.

Visit the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA at usagekt.org, go to the department conferences tab and view the KTEF presentation from a representative from the Foundation.

I wish to thank Sir Knight Fredrick R. Kemp, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Kansas for appointing me to this position. May his future be blessed with happiness as he joins the ranks of the Past Grand Commanders of Kansas!

Respectfully Submitted
Sir Knight Justin Crippen, Chairman
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee
Past Commander, Mt. Olivet #12
SK Kenny Foster, PC
SK L. Kent Needham, REPGC

Membership Committee

Membership in our Grand Commandery is on the fore front of the minds of most Sir Knights here in Kansas. As shown in the Annual Recapitulation report in these proceedings, we are still at a net loss for our membership. We gained 51 new Sir Knights this year and lost 61. However one positive is if the death count of 20 is removed we are actually gaining members. Death unfortunately is one thing we cannot control. We continue to have success with our Grand Master Classes with 24 new members knighted on July 12th at Newton Lodge.

The website continues to be upgraded and is providing more and more resources to assist in answering questions and helping prospective members. Additionally a new member card was created with a QR code that can be scanned upon being knighted which takes the sir knight to the new member packet to help answer questions and provide a guide for uniforms and many other topics. We are continuing to create valuable resources to both attract and assist potential members.

The committee would like to thank R.E. SK Frederick R. Kemp for allowing us to serve and contribute to our Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas.

Respectfully Submitted

E. SK Andrew G. Mosley (CTC) (Chairman)

E. SK Warren L. Hughes

E. SK Robert D. Beardsley (KTCH)

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2025-26

First off, I would like to thank, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Fredrick R. Kemp, for the opportunity and appointment to serve this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year.

The committee wishes to thank Sir Knight, Patrick C. Carr, as he is also the editor for the new publication that is out now for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas. If you visit the kansasyorkrite.org site, you will see the tab for magazines/inserts. Click on that and there you will find the Letters from York and the Knights Templar inserts. This is where you hear directly for your leaders of the Grand Commandery. The Letters from York comes out quarterly and includes articles from all York Rite Bodies of Kansas as well as the appendant bodies. The Knights Templar insert is from your Grand Officers.

Each month a different Grand Officer is tasked with submitting something for your reading pleasure. You get to read about the different awards and just news from around the state. Besides hearing from the officers! It has been received well by the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery. As always though our editor needs your help! He needs content, we need more items from the Companions, we do get some but we need more. If you want to help out or have something you want to talk about, please reach out to our editor, Sir Knight Patrick C. Carr at carrs@cox.net.

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Fraternally Submitted

Sir Knight Justin Crippen, Chairman

Publicity and Communications Committee

SK Robert Haynes, PC

SK Robert McClarty, REPGC

No Reports received from the following committees;

Drill Team

Justin D. Crippen, Chairman

Courtesies and Protocol

Patrick C. Carr, Chairman

Patriotic and Civic Ceremonies

Michael A. Smith, Chairman

Triennial Affairs

T. Michael Fegan, Chairman

DeMolay

Mark W. Stephenson, Chairman

York Rite Unity

Patrick C. Carr, Chairman

Special Events

Patrick C. Carr, Chairman

2025-26 Knights Templar Deaths

BRYANT	DELBERT	LEWIS	WINFIELD 15	WINFIELD	06/04/2025
FISHER	CONRAD	MAX	TOPEKA 5	TOPEKA	09/13/2025
FREEMAN	EDWARD	LYLE	MT OLIVET 12	NEWTON	08/05/2025
HALL	ALLEN	DALE	ESDRAELON 49	IOLA	12/22/2025
HALL	T	WARREN	ALEPPO 31	RUSSELL	04/21/2025
HOVORKA	LEROY	VIRGIL	MT OLIVET 12	NEWTON	02/10/2026
HURST	JEFFREY	MARK	TOPEKA 5	TOPEKA	05/09/2025
JEFFERS	ROBERT	D	HIAWATHA 13	HIAWATHA	09/18/2025
KING	MICHAEL	WAYNE	LEAVENWORTH 1	OVERLAND PARK	02/26/2026
KOHR	GLENN	EARL	ASKELON 6	McPHERSON	12/23/2025
LASSMAN	KEITH	DONALD	ASKELON 6	McPHERSON	01/26/2026
MYERS	ROY	D	ESDRAELON 49	IOLA	06/20/2025
NOLTE	JAMES	HAROLD	MT OLIVET 12	NEWTON	04/20/2025
OLTJEN	LARRY	M	HIAWATHA 13	HIAWATHA	12/20/2025
REEVES	ALAN	G	LIBERAL 55	LIBERAL	05/17/2025
RILEY	DON	VERNON	LEAVENWORTH 1	OVERLAND PARK	12/08/2025
ROBINETT	DON	ELDON	JUNCTION CITY 43	JUNCTION CITY	10/11/2025
SMITH	OSCAR	DELL	LEAVENWORTH 1	OVERLAND PARK	06/17/2025