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2020 - 2021

Grand Commandery Officers and Committee Members

To: All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers and Sir Knights of all
Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

With great honor and pleasure I am humbly thankful to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Iowa for electing me to serve as OUR Grand Commander this year.

My theme for this year is an adaptation of our motto: *In hoc unitatis vinces – In unity we will conquer*

Sir Knights, we live in challenging times. Our country seems more divided than ever. Political, religious, and now even scientific differences of opinion are driving a wedge between us as a society. It is far too easy to see only these differences and declare a person with an opposing viewpoint to be an enemy. I have seen and witnessed long-term friends be driven apart over something that neither has any control over.

But also, as an Order we face challenges. Declining membership, fewer and fewer people asked to do more and more. When we see good men getting burned out, our entire Order suffers. Ritual work is not always conferred to par (or at all), leaving unimpressed new Sir Knights. Think back to when you were raised or knighted. What inspired you to continue on and be active in the Masonic bodies you joined? Or what did not?

This year I'm asking for a push. A push to do just a little bit more. A push to get those on the sidelines involved. A push to be more visible and active in our communities. A push to help guide our youth to be honest, hardworking, and good citizens and members of society. We have a strong and compelling message to tell. Let's not keep it to ourselves. Sometimes wearing a "funny hat" and a sword in public is enough to spark a conversation. "...if **BOLD** in virtues still it spoke, yet gentle concord never broke..."

This isn't about membership numbers or increasing our finances. It's about spreading our good news to the world. I am a strong believer that if we look past our differences and see common good and work to build on what we have in common, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Chivalric Regards,

Christian M. Beard

Christian 'Chris' M. Beard
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:

Rusty L. Hill

Rusty L. Hill, REPGC
Grand Recorder

2020 – Grand Commandery Officers – 2021

Christian M. Beard , PEC	Grand Commander	Lady Rebecca
Kevin T. Christians , PEC (69)	Deputy Grand Commander	None
Jerry L. Wahl , PEC (22)	Grand Generalissimo	None
Brian M. Truex , PEC (43)	Grand Captain General	Lady Tara
Nathaniel F. Renner , PEC (11)	Grand Senior Warden	Lady Christina
Jason W. Delzell , PEC (15)	Grand Junior Warden	Lady Kristyn
Daniel R. Hobson , PEC (4)	Grand Prelate	Lady Sandra
Gregory L. Kenkel , PEC (18)	Grand Treasurer	Lady Kathleen
Edward T. Johnson , PGC (18, TX)	Grand Recorder Emeritus	Lady Linda
Rusty L. Hill , PGC (4, 18)	Grand Recorder	Lady Robin
Monte L. Harris , PEC (9)	Grand Standard Bearer	None
W. Wayne Castle , PEC (11)	Grand Sword Bearer	Jamie
Bradley A. Reichardt , PEC (4)	Grand Warder	Lady Michelle
Randall E. Crouch , PEC (18)	Grand Sentinel	Lady Jan
Martin J. Elmore , PEC (68)	Grand 1 st Guard	None
Jons C. Olsson , PEC (11)	Grand 2 nd Guard	Lady Anne
Frank D. Swallow, Sr. , PEC (11)	Grand 3 rd Guard	Lady Kim
John M. Klaus , PEC (26)	Grand Organist	None

2020 – Grand Commandery Committee Members – 2021

Jurisprudence Committee	(Odd number plus Grand Recorder)
W. Charles Smithson , PGC (4, 22) <i>Chairman</i>	None
Christian ‘Chris’ M. Beard , GC (4, 11, OH)	Lady Rebecca
Kevin T. Christians , DGC (69)	None
Jerry L. Wahl. , GG (22)	None
David M. Dryer , PNCDC, PGC, (4, 22, 30)	Lady Cynthia
Rusty L. Hill , PGC (4, 18) <i>Secretary Non-Voting</i>	Lady Robin
Board of Financial Trustees	(3 Members)
Bryce B. Hildreth , PGC, (4, 69), <i>Term Expires 2021 Chairman</i>	Lady Natalie
Wade E. Sheeler , PGC (22, 30) <i>Term Expires 2022</i>	Lady Danene
John M. Klaus (26, 30) <i>Term Expires 2023</i>	None
Board of Instruction	
Rusty L. Hill , PGC (4, 18) <i>Chairman/Secretary, Inspector</i>	Lady Robin
Bryce B. Hildreth , PGC (4, 69) <i>Inspector</i>	Lady Natalie
Donald A. Radloff , PGC (11, 4, 22) <i>Instructor</i>	Lady Gale
David M. Dryer , PNCDC, PGC, (4, 22, 30) <i>Advisor</i>	Lady Cynthia
Edward T. Johnson , PGC (18, TX), <i>Inspector Emeritus</i>	Lady Linda
William P. Dusenbery , PGC, (2) <i>Inspector Emeritus</i>	None Listed
Delbert R. Humeston , PGC, (64) <i>Inspector Emeritus</i>	Lady Jane
George J. Harrison , PGC (18) <i>Instructor Emeritus</i>	Lady Rebecca

2020 – Grand Commandery Committee Members – 2021

Charitable Activities Committee

(3 Members)

Wade E. Sheeler, PGC (4) *Chairman*
Gregory L. Andersen, PGC, PGHP (30, 22, 43)
Kenneth A. Brickman, PEC, PGHP (30)

Lady Danene
Lady Marcia (mom)
Lady Darlene

Charity Fund Trustees

(3 Members)

John M. Klaus (26, 30) *Term Expires 2023 Chairman*
David L. Brewer, PEC (17) *Term Expires 2021*
Jason A. Wolcott, MIPGM (2) *Term Expires 2022*

None
Lady Paula
Lady Denise Gehling

Credentials Committee

(3 – 4 Members)

Members must be able to sit at the registration table during the meetings

Gregory L. Kenkel, PEC (18) *Chairman*
Thomas M. Megel, PEC (4)
Kyle J. Peterson, PGC (18)

Lady Kathy
Lady Janice
Lady Tammy

Distinguished Visitors Committee

(3 Members & Spouses)

Spouses must be able to sit at the VIP registration table during the meetings

Thomas M. Megel (4) *Chairman*
David M. Dryer, PGC, (4, 22, 30)
Kyle J. Peterson, PGC (18)
Berdette O. Bryngelson, PGHP (30, 22) *Emeritus*
George J. Harrison, PGC (18) *Emeritus*

Lady Janice
Lady Cynthia
Lady Tammy
None
Lady Rebecca

Educational Activities Committee

(4 members plus Grand Recorder)

W. Charles Smithson, PGC (4) *Chairman – Term Expires 2021*
Bradley A. Reichardt, PEC (4) *Term Expires 2022*
Michael A. Miller, PEC (4) *Term Expires 2023*
Christian ‘Chris’ M. Beard, GC (4, 11, OH)
Rusty L. Hill, PGC (4, 18) *Secretary-Treasurer*

None
Lady Michelle
Lady Julie
Lady Rebecca
Lady Robin

Executive Committee

(4 Dais Officers & Grand Recorder)

Christian ‘Chris’ M. Beard, GC (4, 11, OH)
Kevin T. Christians, DGM (69)
Jerry L. Wahl., GG (22)
Brian M. Truex., GCG (43)
Rusty L. Hill, GR (4, 18) *Secretary*

Lady Rebecca
None
None
Tara Truex
Lady Robin

Promotion of Youth Activities

(1 Member)

Bradley A. Reichardt, PEC, (4)

Lady Michelle

Finance Committee (Treasurer & DGC, GG, GCG choices for Treasurer & GR)

Gregory L. Kenkel (18) *Term Expires 2021 Chairman*
Benjamin J. Mayer, (30) *Term Expires 2022*
Brian M. Truex, Choice – *Term Expires 2024*
Rusty L. Hill, PGC (4, 18) *Secretary Term Expires 2023*

Lady Kathy
Lady Crystal
Lady
Lady Robin

2020 – Grand Commandery Committee Members – 2021

Membership Committee

(3 Members)

W. Charles Smithson, PGC (4) *Term Expires 2021 Chairman*

None

Brian M. Truex (43) *Term Expires 2022*

Lady Tara

Christian M. Beard, GC (4, 11, OH) *Term Expires 2023*

Lady Cynthia

Mileage & Per Diem Committee

(3 – 4 Members)

Gregory L. Kenkel, PEC (18) *Chairman*

Lady Kathy

Thomas M. Megel, PEC (4)

Lady Janice

Kyle J. Peterson, PGC (18)

Lady Tammy

Patriotic Committee

(3 members)

Donald A. Radloff, PGC (11, 4, 22) *Chairman*

Lady Gale

David M. Dryer, PNCDC, PGC (4, 22, 30)

Lady Cynthia

Public Relations & Knights Templar Magazine Correspondence Committee

Gregory L. Kenkel, PEC (18) *Chairman, Supplement Correspondent*

Lady Kathy

Kurt M. Hoffmann, PEC (4) *Webmaster*

Lady Lyssa

Christian M. Beard, GC (4, 11, OH) *Cyber Correspondent*

Lady Cynthia

Religious Activities Committee

(3 Members)

Daniel R. Hobson, PEC (4), *Chairman*

Lady Sandra

John M. Klaus, PEC (26, 30)

None

Michael H. Johnson, PEC (52)

Lady Janell

Report of Grand Officers Committee

(3 Members)

Kevin T. Christians, DGC (69) *Chairman*

None

Jerry L. Wahl, GG, (22)

None

Brian M. Truex., GCG (43)

Tara Truex

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

(1 member)

Wade E. Sheeler, PGC (4) *Chairman*

Lady Danene

Triennial Matters Committee

(GR, GC, DGC)

Rusty L. Hill, PGC (4, 18) *Chairman*

Lady Robin

Christian 'Chris' M. Beard, GC, (4, 11, OH)

Lady Rebecca

Kevin T. Christians, DGC (69)

None

Unfinished Business Committee

(1 member)

W. Charles Smithson, PGC (4, 22)

None

Edward T. Johnson, GC (18, TX) *Emeritus*

Lady Linda

2020 – Living Past Grand Commanders – 2021

Delbert R. Humeston , REPGC (64)	1982 – 1983	Lady Jane
Willard M. Loper , REPGC (15)	1988 – 1989	Lady Karen
Edward T. Johnson , REPGC (18, TX)	1992 – 1993	Lady Linda
William P. Dusenbery , REPGC (2)	1994 – 1995	None
George J. Harrison , REPGC (18)	2005 – 2006	Lady Rebecca
Donald A. Radloff , REPGC, GHP	2006 – 2007	Lady Gale
Stephen G. Libby , REPGC, PGHP (26)	2007 – 2008	Lady Sharon
David M. Dryer , PNCD, REPGC	2008 – 2009	Lady Cynthia
Bryce B. Hildreth , MWPGM, REPGC, HPGHP	2009 – 2010	Lady Natalie
Dennis N. Boehmer , REPGC, PGHP (18)	2010 – 2011	Lady Sally Ann
Rusty L. Hill , REPGC (4, 18)	2011 – 2012	Lady Robin
Gregory L. Andersen , REPGC, PGHP	2012 – 2013	Lady Marcia (Mom)
Wade E. Sheeler , REPGC, PGIM, PGHP (22, 30)	2016 – 2017	Lady Danene
Kyle J. Peterson , REPGC (18, NE)	2017 – 2018	Lady Tammy
Forrest C. Peck, Jr , REPGC (17, NE)	2018 – 2019	Lady Anita
W. Charles Smithson , REPGC, PGHP, PGIM (4, 22)	2019 – 2020	None