



**Office of the V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar
Washington and Jurisdiction, PHA**



July 2025 – June 2026

Subject: Annual Report of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

To the Most Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery Officers, and the Sir Knights of Washington and Jurisdiction

Greetings, Sir Knights. As we gather in this sacred fellowship, may the Supreme Grand Commander of the Universe illuminate our path and sanctify our endeavors, and abide in the bountiful blessings to our families and us. With fraternal respect and a deep sense of duty, I submit this Annual Report of the Office of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander to the Most Eminent Grand Commander, the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, the Right Eminent Grand Captain General, the Grand Commandery Officers, and all Sir Knights of Washington and Jurisdiction. This report details the activities, accomplishments, and initiatives undertaken during the past Masonic year, reflecting commitment to leadership, ritual excellence, and the advancement of the Grand Commandery.

Article III – DUTIES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS, Grand Commandery Bylaws

Duties of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

Section 1. The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander shall assist the Most Eminent Grand Commander in the various duties of his office and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Most Eminent Grand Commander.

Section 2. In the event of death, absence, removal from the jurisdiction, or inability to serve of the Most Eminent Grand Commander, he shall act with full power and authority in his place until the condition or circumstance is removed or until the next regular Grand Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

1. Attendance and Official Engagements

- **Attended the 99th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of USA & Its Jurisdictions, PHA, Inc. in St. Louis, MO in June of 2025 and shall attend the 100th Annual Conclave in Greenville, SC in July of 2026**
- **Attended the Indiana State Grand Conclave in Indianapolis, IN in August of 2025**
- **Official Visits to Subordinate Commanderies: 2 (H.Q. #1 and St. Maurice #6)**

Consistent participation demonstrates the office's dedication to the obligations of the Grand Commandery and support of the Most Eminent Grand Commander.

2. Officer Collaboration and Administration

- Worked closely with the Most Eminent Grand Commander and Grand Commandery Officers to advance the objectives of the Grand Commandery.
- Participated in planning and executing Grand Commandery programs, workshops, and leadership initiatives.
- Assisted in the coordination and management of special projects and events as directed by the Most Eminent Grand Commander.
- Persistently voted in every government election with admonishment for others to also vote and to fulfill their civic obligations.
- Participated in many Knights of Pythagoras youth events and I pray that through our efforts that our youth will not be forgotten.
- Regularly pray with hope that others do the same so together we can prepare for battle to overcome any overwhelming obstacle - **IN HOC SIGNO VINCES**

3. Challenges encountered during the masonic year:

- Restoration of Image: We are under attack by clandestine masons and must make it known that WE ARE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS
- Quorum: Programs must address the Youth. Declining membership numbers jeopardize our quorum
- Supply Chain Issues: Prices Up / Quality Down. We must uphold our High Standards

4. Concluding Statement

The Office of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander remains committed to the principles of leadership, service, and excellence. I extend my gratitude to the Most Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights of Washington and Jurisdiction for their guidance, cooperation, and fraternal support throughout the Masonic year.

Respectfully Submitted,



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