



# GRAND COMMANDERY of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE STATE OF  
WEST VIRGINIA

Office of  
**Gene Ray Baker**  
Grand Commander

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

Series 2009-2010

**To the Members of The Grand Commandery,  
Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies of West Virginia**

**Greetings:**

### Officers of the Grand Commandery

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	LADY	TITLE
Gene Ray Baker	11 Snedeker Road, Wheeling WV 26003	304 233-8843	Peggy	Right Eminent Grand Commander
J. Stephen Wilson	2173 Horse Run Road, Weston, WV 26452	304 269-5323	Tamara	Very Em. Dep. Grand Commander
Harry C. Alt	P O Box 675, Keyser, WV 26726	304 788-5294	Jean	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Edward E. Ball	200 Beacon Drive, Weirton WV 26062-4904	304 723-1873	Sandy	Eminent Grand Captain General
Gregory H. Dotson	808 W. 4 <sup>th</sup> St., Williamstown WV 26187	304 488-5650	Sherry	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Paul O. Davis	1524 Sycamore Street, Kenova WV 25530-1732	304 453-6571	Shirley	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Leon H. Hevener	HC 32, Box 29 A, Upper Tract, WV 26866	304 358-7132	Jerri	Eminent Grand Prelate
Seba T. Anderson	177B Elk Creek Road, Mt. Clare, WV 26408	304 622-3939	Lucille	Eminent Grand Treasurer
G. Butler Adkins, Jr.	1300 Tenth Ave., Huntington, WV 25701	304 529-7423		Eminent Grand Recorder
R. Andrew Leach	5410 Venable Avenue, Charleston, WV 25304	304 382-7201		Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
J. Robert Vance	Rt. 1 Box 108 A, Elkins WV 26241	304 636-2054	Linda	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Johnnie M. Sluss	337 Pine Street, Shady Springs, WV 25918-9707	304 763-3149	Nille	Eminent Grand Warder
F. Paul Baker	175 Stone Church Road, Wheeling, WV 26003	304 242-4805	Rochelle	Eminent Grand Sentinel
	Donald C. Hamrick PGC (3)	Trustee	2011	
	Archie E. Bennett, PGC (8)	Trustee	2010	
	Poston E. Drake, PGC (4)	Trustee	2012	

### Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders

NAME	PHONE	LADY	YEAR	CDRY	ADDRESS
H. Courtney Jones, PDC	(304) 428-5287		1977-78	3	2103 Percy Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101
Ophir E. Vellenoweth	(304) 243-6763	Pat	1979-80	1	233 Edington Lane, Wheeling, WV 26003
James P. Allen	(304) 469-6750		1981-82	22	P O Box 145, Oak Hill, WV 25901
Donald E. Peterson	(304) 776-1037	Rose	1983-84	4	15 Barrington Road, Nitro, WV 25143
Donald E. Summers	(304) 622-2837	Eva	1984-85	13	814 SE Avenue, Nutter Fort, WV 26301
David E. DeMent	(561) 625-3560	Connie	1985-86	9	8419 SE Croft Cir., Hobe Sound, FL 33455
John B. Arbuckle, Jr.	800-273-9662	Elizabeth	1986-87	15	Drawer 589, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Frank A. Dell	(304) 267-2749		1988-89	2	151 Princeton Street, Martinsburg WV 25404
Poston E. Drake	(304) 346-2923	Jane	1991-92	4	1584 Quarrier Street, Charleston WV 25311
Seba T. Anderson	(304) 622-3939	Lucille	1992-93	13	177B Elk Creek Road, Mt. Clare, WV 26408
John G. "Rick" Elam	(304) 525-2731	Trudy	1993-94	9	1732 Crestmont Drive, Huntington, WV 25701
Clarence H. Riffiee	(304) 748-1965		1994-95	30	1 Sugar Lane, New Cumberland, WV 26047
Archie E. Bennett	(304) 269-0159	Jeanette	1995-96	8	136 Forinash Road, Weston, WV 26452
Robert L. Caldwell	(304) 645-3842		1996-97	15	304 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Carl L. Locke	(304) 263-5511	Evelyn	1997-98	2	321 Greenbriar Road, Martinsburg, WV 25401
Donald C. Hamrick	(304) 295-5953	Charlotte	1998-99	3	2811 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105
Vaughn F. Shafer, MADC	(304) 344-2839	Sylvia	1999-00	4	2136 Breezy Drive, Charleston, WV 25311
Charles W. Sinsel, KTCH	(304) 265-3103	Rosalie	2000-01	11	Route 2, Box 111, Grafton, WV 26354
Donald L. Showalter	(304) 233-4156	Rhea	2001-02	1	45 Mozart Road, Wheeling, WV 26003
James H. Wilson	(304) 269-1877	Betty	2002-03	8	P O Box 1, Weston WV 26452-0001
James K. Coleman	(304) 645-3768	Nancy	2003-04	15	205 Echols Lane, Lewisburg, WV 24901
James L. Horner	(304) 267-0595	Taffy	2004-05	2	609 West Virginia Ave., Martinsburg WV 25401
Roger D. Linger	(304) 295-9036	Leigh	2005-06	3	910 34th Street, Vienna, WV 26105
G. Butler Adkins, Jr.	(304) 529-7423		2006-07	9	1300 Tenth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
Leiton E. Miller, III	(304) 776-5664	Patty	2007-08	4	5116 Hopewell Drive, Cross Lanes, WV 25313
Samuel J. Price, KTCH	(304) 636-6829	Wanda	2008-09	21	P O Box 121, Elkins, WV 26241

## INSPECTION ASSIGNMENTS 2009-2010

<u><b>Grand Generalissimo – Division 8</b></u> <b>Sir Knight Harry C. Alt (23)</b> Greenbrier No. 15 Bluefield No. 19 Mt. Hope No. 22	<u><b>Grand Captain General – Division 1</b></u> <b>Sir Knight Edward E. Ball (30)</b> Wheeling No. 1 Mountain State No. 14 Weirton No. 30 *	<u><b>Grand Senior Warden – Division 2</b></u> <b>Sir Knight Gregory H. Dotson (3)</b> Palestine No. 2 Potomac No. 5 Damascus No. 23
<u><b>Grand Junior Warden – Division 3</b></u> <b>Sir Knight Paul O. Davis (9)</b> St. John's No. 8 Clarksburg No. 13 Pilgrim No. 21	<u><b>Grand Standard Bearer- Division 4</b></u> <b>Sir Knight R. Andrew Leach (4)</b> Calvary No. 3 Pennsboro No. 20 Dowell No. 28	<u><b>Grand Sword Bearer – Division 5</b></u> <b>Sir Knight J. Robert Vance (21)</b> Crusade No. 6 DeMolay No. 11 Morgantown No. 18
<u><b>Grand Warder- Division 6</b></u> <b>Sir Knight Johnnie M. Sluss (22)</b> Huntington No. 9 Logan No. 26	<u><b>Grand Sentinel - Division 7</b></u> <b>Sir Knight F. Paul Baker (1)</b> Kanawha No. 4 Franklin No. 17	

\* Denotes trade

## INSPECTION DIRECTIVES

Inspection dates will be the responsibility of the Commander, together with the Inspecting Officer and the Deputy Inspector General in each assigned Division. All Inspections will be scheduled at the 2009 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia and if possible, no two will be held on the same day. All Inspections should be completed before February 1, 2010. Inspecting Officers should set up their Inspection dates and inform the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder and Inspector General on or before July 5, 2009 to allow for publication in the Knights Templar magazine. Recorders are requested to notify all nearby Commanderies as well as their own membership by letter or telephone of the date and details of their Inspection.

It is the duty of the Inspector General and Deputy Inspectors General to see that each Commandery is properly prepared for inspection by holding at least one School of Instruction at each Commandery prior to its inspection. Yours is a responsible job requiring much attention and time to obtain the required proficiency in both tactics and ritual in each of your assigned Commanderies. Proficiency in both ritual and tactics can only be obtained, and then maintained, through continuous practice. It must be an ongoing process. The Inspector General and Deputy Inspectors General stand ready to assist if called upon.

On or before June 1, 2009 each Inspecting Officer is directed to send three black and white photographs suitable for publication and a short personal resume to the Chairman of Publicity, SK F. Paul Baker, Eminent Grand Sentinel, 175 Stone Church Road, Wheeling, WV 26003. These will be forwarded to each constituent Commandery for local publication prior to inspection.

## MEMBERSHIP

Several Commanderies have already made a good start on membership and hopefully will show a gain for the year. In addition to a gain in membership let us strive to improve our programs of activities so that our entire membership may benefit from the association and Christian fellowship that exists among our Sir Knights and their ladies.

# COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(Chairman listed first)

<b>VISITING SIR KNIGHTS</b>	<b>TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE</b>	<b>INVESTMENT COMMITTEE</b>
F. Paul Baker, EGS (1)	Donald L. Showalter PGC (1)	Seba T. Anderson PGC, EGT (13)
Charles R Witt, PC (1)	James K. Coleman, PGC (15)	James E. Winzenreid, PC (1)
Harold E Vitalie, PC (1)	Vaughn F. Shafer PC, MADC (4)	J. Robert Vance, EGSwB (21)
Paul J Harris, (1)		
Clarence H. Wyatt, Jr., PGR (1)	<b>NECROLOGY</b>	<b>LONG RANGE PLANNING</b>
Donald L. Showalter PGC (1)	Leon Heavener, EGP, (21)	J. Stephen Wilson, VEDGC (8)
Clarence H Riffée, PGC (30)	Archie E. Bennett, PGC (8)	Gene Ray Baker REGC (1)
Edward E. Ball, EGCG (30)	Charles W. Henry PC, KTCH (5)	Harry C. Alt, EGG, (23)
		Edward E. Ball, EGCG (30)
<b>DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS</b>	<b>PAST GRAND COMMANDERS JEWEL</b>	Seba T. Anderson, PGC, EGT (13)
Leiton E. Miller, III, PGC (4)	G. Butler Adkins, PGC, GR (9)	G. Butler Adkins, PGC, GR (9)
Robert L. Caldwell, PGC (15)	Seba T. Anderson, PGC, EGT (13)	
Samuel J. Price, PGC (21)	Clarence H. Wyatt, Jr., PGR (1)	<b>SUSPENSIONS AND DEMITS</b>
		Charles H. Mann, PC (19)
<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE</b>	J. Stephen Junkins, PC (18)
Donald L. Showalter PGC (1)	G. Butler Adkins, PGC, GR (9)	Johnnie M. Sluss, EGW (22)
James L. Horner, PGC,(2)	Gene Ray Baker, REGC (1)	Peter Y Turner, PC (18)
Roger D Linger, PGC (3)	J. Stephen Wilson, VEDGC (8)	Jerry D Egnor, PC (26)
	Harry C. Alt, EGG, (23)	Franklin Powell, PC (20)
<b>EYE FOUNDATION</b>	Edward E. Ball, EGCG (30)	All Recorders
Harry G. Canfield, PC (21)	Vaughn F. Shafer PC, MADC (4)	
Rt. 1, Box 122	H. Courtney Jones PECDC (3)	<b>GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL</b>
Montrose, WV 26283-9730		Charles W. Sinsel, PGC (11)
Charles R Witt, PC (1)	<b>EDUCATION FOUNDATION</b>	F. Dean Carter, PC (28)
J Robert Vance, EGSwB, (21)	Michael E. Weaver, PC (3) 2013	Clayton E. Faber, PC (17)
Lewis W. Ressegger ,PC (28)	813 Chestnut St.	
	Parkersburg, WV 26101	<b>DRILL TEAM</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	G. Butler Adkins, Sr., (23) 2012	Ronald E. Jones, IG (2)
Joseph A. Radcliff, PC (11)	H. Courtney Jones PDC (3) 2011	Gregory H. Dotson, EGSW (3)
Vaughn F. Shafer PC, MADC (4)	F. Paul Baker, PC (1) 2010	Gary B. Tucker, PC (13)
	Clarence H. Wyatt, Jr. PGR (1) 2014	C. Dale Williams, PC (9)
<b>MERIT AWARD</b>	G. Butler Adkins, PGC, GR (9) Secretary	
David J. Jaco, Jr., PC (11)		<b>HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>
1201 W. Railroad Street	<b>INSPECTION REPORT REVIEW</b>	Leon H. Hevener, PC (21)
Grafton, WV 26354	Gregory H Dotson, EGSW (3) 2013	Charles W. Henry PC, KTCH (5)
Charles W. Henry PC, KTCH (5)	Daniel A. Witschey, PC (14) 2011	Larry T. Bates, PC, (13)
F. Paul Baker, EGS (1)	R. Andrew Leach EGSwB (4) 2012	
George P Birklein, DIG (14)	F. Lee West, KTCH (13) 2010	<b>UNIFORM</b>
Paul O. Davis, GJW (9)	F. Paul Baker, EGS (1) 2014	J. Stephen Wilson, VEDGC (8)
		Leiton E. Miller, III, PGC (4)
<b>EASTER SUNRISE OBSERVANCE</b>	<b>TEMPLAR REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>	Johnnie M Sluss, EGW(22)
Edward E. Ball, EGCG (30)	John G. "Rick" Elam, PGC (9)	Paul O Davis, EGJW,(9)
Harry C. Alt, EGG, (23)	Donald C Hamrick, PGC (3)	
Vaughn F. Shafer MADC (4)	Gary W. Rexrode, PC (21)	<b>TACTICS REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>
James H Wilson, PGC (8)	Joseph A. Radcliff, PC (11)	Ronald E. Jones, IG (2)
		Clarence H Riffée, PGC (30)
<b>DeMOLAY</b>	<b>SPECIAL OBSERVANCE</b>	George P Birklein, DIG (14)
G. Butler Adkins, PGC (9)	Leiton E. Miller, III, PGC (4)	John G. "Rick" Elam, PGC (9)
Mark McClure, PC (4)	William D. Mushet, PC (1)	
Lester Adams, PC (18)	Hubert E. Roberts, PC (14)	<b>KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE</b>
	Jeffery O. Schrader, PC (6)	Gene Ray Baker, REGC (1)
<b>WEB PAGE</b>		G. Butler Adkins, PGC, GR (9)
Jerry Digma, PC (21)	<b>CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES</b>	Edward E. Ball, EGCG (30)
Harold E Phillips (13)	G. Butler Adkins, PGC, GR (9)	
Paul J Harris, ER(1)	J. Stephen Wilson, VEDGC (8)	<b>PUBLICITY</b>
Gregory E. Wentzel, PC (3)	Harry C. Alt, EGG, (23)	F. Paul Baker, EGS (1)
	Edward E. Ball, EGCG (30)	Recorder of each Commandery

# APPOINTMENTS

Inspector General

Ronald E. Jones, PC (2)

P. O. Box 2248

Martinsburg, WV 25401 (304) 263-8045

DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
George P. Birklein, PC (14)	Lewis R. Youngblood, PC (5)	Charles R. "Sam" Krafft, PC	Michael E. Weaver, PC (3)
121 Oxford Street	944 Martinsburg Rd.	123 Cabin Run Rd.	813 Chestnut St.
Sistersville, WV 26175	Berkley Springs, WV 25411	Weston, WV 26452	Parkersburg, WV 26101
(304) 652-2878	(304) 676-2934	(304) 269-7678	(304) 422-0423
Wheeling No. 1	Palestine No. 2	St. John's No. 8	Calvary No. 3
Mountain State No. 14	Potomac No. 5	Clarksburg No. 13	Pennsboro No. 20
Weirton No. 30	Damascus No. 23	Pilgrim No. 21	Dowell No. 28
DIVISION 5	DIVISION 6	DIVISION 7	DIVISION 8
Pete Y. Turner, PC (18)	C. Dale Williams PC (9)	Carl R. "Doc" Young, PC (4)	James M. Floyd, PC (15)
714 Venture Drive, PMB 200	2322 Washington Ave	1414 Viewmont Drive	P O Box 1024
Morgantown WV 26508	Huntington, WV 25704-1328	Charleston, WV 25302	Lewisburg, WV 24901-4024
(304) 379-9013	(304) 429-3012.	(304) 346-3636	(304) 645-6277
Crusade No.6	Huntington No. 9	Kanawha No. 4	Greenbrier No. 15
DeMolay No. 11	Logan No. 26	Franklin No. 17	Bluefield No. 19
Morgantown No. 18			Mt. Hope No. 22

## DISPENSATIONS:

Dispensations are hereby granted to each Sir Knight of this jurisdiction during the templar year to appear in full Templar uniform for the following purposes:

1. For the purpose of participating with the Grand Commandery or their own Commandery in street parades which will promote Templary.
2. At all meetings of any group or organization within the State for the purpose of providing information about or receiving donations for the Eye Foundation, Educational Foundation or Holy Land Pilgrimage
3. While attending meetings of DeMolay Chapters within the State for the purpose of showing their support to these fine young men who are part of the future of Templary.
4. For Special observances such as Christmas, Ascension Day and Flag Day, etc.

## NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia will be held in Wheeling West Virginia, as guests of Wheeling Commandery No. 1 on May 20, 21 and 22, 2010.

I hereby order that this General Order be read at the first stated conclave of every constituent Commandery following its receipt, and further, that every Recorder notify those committeemen from his Commandery of their appointments. All Sir Knights shall govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 2009, A. O. 891.

By Order of:



Gene Ray Baker, Grand Commander

Attest: G Butler Adkins, Jr.  
G. Butler Adkins, Jr, PGC, Grand Recorder