

Commandery Members May Carry Swords, but These Inspections Brought Out the Big Guns.



Front row: L to R is SK Reginald A. Blake, REGC, SK Dennis L. Hughes, REGC, SK David Dixon Goodwin, Grand Master, SK Larry W. Brown, East Central Dept. Commander, SK John Clime, PGC, GT. In the back row, L to R is SK Michael I. Bess, GG, SK Melvin L. Russell, VEDGC, SK Thomas H. Gault, Sr., VEDGC, SK Gerald G. Pugh, GG, SK Terry Wymer, GSW. To the left, Most Eminent Grand Master David Dixon Goodwin presents the Sword of Merit to Middletown #71.

Just like Lodges, every year each Commandery has an inspection. But no Commandery has ever had an inspection quite like the recent one at Middletown #71, because among the guests on hand that day were the Grand Commander of Ohio; the Grand Commander of Prince Hall Knights Templar of Ohio; Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, former Grand Commander of New York and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; three past Grand Commanders, and a

host of other Grand officers and dignitaries.

The occasion of these festivities was the presentation by Grand Master Goodwin of the Sword of Merit to Middletown Commandery for being the leading contributor to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in the entire nation.

Conspicuously absent from the event that day, however, was the EGJW Chris Beard and other members of Toledo Commandery #7, who were having their own inspection that day, as well as Middletown's Division Com-



While they may have missed the Middletown event, the Knights of Toledo Commandery welcomed their own distinguished guests, including from Michigan (left) SK Cortland Rule, KCT, PGC; SK Howard H. Crumit, Jr., KCT, REGC-MI; SK Melvin Easterday, Generalissimo, Pontiac Commandery No. 2; and SK Michael Whiting, KCT, GSW, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan. Below, Toledo's Commander (and Ohio Grand Junior Warden) Christian Beard and Inspecting Officer SK Kevin Weisman, enjoy the company of Howard T. Crumit, Jr., the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan.



mander, SK Kevin Weisman, who was Toledo's inspecting officer.

While not quite the illustrious group attending down south, Toledo did have the pleasure of welcome some distinguished guests of their own, including SK Howard H. Crumit, Jr., Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Michigan; their immediate past Grand Commander SK Cortland Rule; SK Michael Whiting, the Grand senior Warden and SK Melvin Easterday, Generalissimo, Pontiac Commandery No. 2.



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