



# Pennsylvania Crusader

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**Sean M. Tomasic, Grand Commander**

Greetings Sir Knights:

As I write this message for August, the month of June is still upon us. The difficulty in writing over a month in advance is a challenge, however, with the uncertainty of the status of the pandemic and scheduled events, the difficulty is even greater.

Again, I urge commanderies to stay connected with their members by having their stated conclave virtual. Please use our Grand Commandery "GoTo Meeting" account or any other online meeting provider. Sir Knights have reported that this new experience has allowed for a positive and fulfilling contact with each other.

I am looking for new ways to leverage more interaction among Sir Knights. Specific programs (bible study, educational meetings, etc.) are being considered and details will be forthcoming. Naturally, if any Sir Knight has an idea that they feel is a good fit for presenting to Sir Knights via a virtual conference, please share it with me. Opportunity exists for each Sir Knight to become more involved.

The scheduled Northeast Department Conference will be virtual this year. All Sir Knights have the opportunity to participate, but generally only the Grand Officers and Sir Knights attending the Leadership training have travelled to attend the conference. Now with the conference to be online, EVERY frater can easily participate. It is scheduled for September 11-12, 2020. Please look for correspondence from Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment on the specifics of how to register.

At this time, the Constituent Commandery Officers and Membership Committees are involved to comply with the General Order regarding membership. It is particularly important to gather information as it will enable us to address our membership goals. This outreach also serves as a mechanism for having our fraters stay in contact with each other.

Our Annual Memorial Weekend in Gettysburg is scheduled and has not been canceled. Please refer to the Grand Commandery website

for the reservation form.

SKs, my theme is about CHANGE – and change is certainly upon us, but so is adaptability. Because of the situation we find ourselves, there are things that I will not address as planned, however, that means we have found additional things to address and evaluate. As we approach late summer and transition into fall, we do not know if the pandemic will reignite and possibly force us back into an isolation status. If that occurs, we will work thru that experience together and continue to march forward together. We will adapt and change and grow together. Adversity, like the pandemic we currently face, tends to bring out the best in us and our fellow man, and I believe that the greatness that each Sir Knights has in his heart will shine with the love and spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior upon our fellow man.

I look forward to working with you to advance our Grand Commandery to make it stronger and better for the future.

My continued prayers for you, your families and loved ones to be safe and happy not only during these times, but for all times.

Yours in Templary,  
Sean M. Tomasic  
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## A Letter from the Grand Prelate:

**A righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all. Psalm 34:19 (NIV)**

Many Sir Knights volunteer their time and efforts expecting no reward and to some it may seem like a thankless task, but the truth is, when you lend your time and energy you benefit as well. If you feel like your best efforts are hardly making a difference, remind yourself that when you are caring for others you are caring for one of God's creations. What better way to accomplish our Lord's command to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

*Heavenly Father, help me to follow my knightly virtue and give in faith.*

Rev. & S.K. Orville R. Jones, HPC, IKT, GP

## Some Upcoming Events

**(Dates are scheduled, but tentative until confirmed due to the pandemic):**

September 11-12- NE Department Conference (Online)

September 19 & 20 – Gettysburg Memorial Weekend

October 1 – Holy Land Pilgrimage nominations are due.