

New Jersey Supplement

Sir Knight Matthew R. Macready
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sir Knights:

It is so hard to believe that a whole year has come and gone and that this is my last message to you as your Grand Commander. It has been a wonderful year for me. I and members of the grand staff attended some excellent official visits to your commanderies. We have always felt very welcome and I thank you for all of your support and your many efforts this year. With my wife as my traveling companion, I have enjoyed the opportunity to travel throughout the Northeastern Department and attend the annual grand conclaves of our brother grand jurisdictions. We were able to hold a great Ascension Day Service this year and we also participated in the annual sunrise Easter Observance held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. We also marched along with some of the Grand Lodge staff in the Princeton Memorial Day Parade and enjoyed a fellowship picnic lunch afterwards at Princeton Lodge. At our annual statewide Knighting Festival in November, we added 43 new Sir Knights to our membership rolls. In December we held our third Top 3 meeting for this year which was immediately followed by our annual Christmas Observance service led by our Grand Prelate S.K. Dennis M. Huey. Music for the service was played on the organ by my wife Kathy. After a quick lunch break, we headed over to the Masonic Home where we strolled through the hallways singing Christmas carols for the residents. Thank you to my wife and to the family of S.K. Bob Crawford who also joined us for the caroling.

Sir Knights, we have accomplished much during this year. As always, there is still much left to be accomplished. I am sure that under the direction and guidance of our incoming Grand Commander, current Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander S.K. William Krzewick, and his 2020 line of grand officers, our Grand Commandery will continue to grow and prosper.

We need to continue to change with the times. Our Grand Master J. Nelson has adopted these watchwords for the remainder of his Triennial: “evolve or become extinct”. To move forward, we must remember and learn from the past but always with an eye on what we can do to change, improve, and make things better in the future for our sir knights and all of Knights Templar. Please remember that our annual conclave will take place on Saturday afternoon, March 7th, 2020 at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, NJ. Please make every effort to attend. This is YOUR chance to help decide the direction and future of OUR grand commandery. I will see you all in March in Toms River. May God continue to bless you.

Yours in service to the Lord,
S.K. Matthew R. Macready, KCT

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Upcoming events:

No Official Visits are schedule at this time for February unless a “makeup” OV needs to be scheduled for a missed OV.

Annual York Rite Grand Bodies Weekend - March 6, 7, and 8, 2020
Registration opens at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 6, 2020.

New Jersey Grand Council R&SM opens on Friday, March 6th starting at 1:00 PM.

New Jersey Grand Royal Arch Chapter opens on Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 AM.

New Jersey Grand Commandery KT opens on Saturday, March 7th at 1:00 PM.**

****Mandatory attendance for all NJ Knights Templar elected Top 3 (Dias) Officers.**

A joint NJ Grand Chapter/NJ Grand Council Banquet will be held on Friday evening.

NJ Grand Commandery Banquet & Installation of Grand Officers will be held on Saturday evening. See our York Rite website for details and registration forms.

Location: Clarion Hotel& Conference Center
815 Route 37 East Toms River, NJ 08755