



## Pennsylvania Crusader

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Greetings Sir Knights:

This 4<sup>th</sup> of July brings the 244<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation. It generally is a time of social gatherings of family and friends in the summertime celebration. As I write this correspondence at the end of May, we still find ourselves with the pandemic upon us. The good news is that most of PA has moved to yellow and there is some green, however there still are red zones across our commonwealth. I pray that we can find ourselves – in some limited capacity -to meet in person to celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Since the new KT year began in May we have not had a chance to meet face to face in a conclave. Restrictions being lifted for that purpose may soon be upon us, but I urge the SKs to use the technology of meeting online - to have virtual conclaves. Typically, each year, most commanderies do not meet in July and August but I urge that to be different this year. The commanderies can use their own online software or reach out to their Division Commanders and Section Officers to schedule a conclave using the GoTo Meeting software licenses held by Grand Commandery. I had presented to Grand Commandery last year that this tool would be able to be used by any commandery, committee or officer related meeting as needed – this has become the case even more. The Grand Commandery held the 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave on May 16<sup>th</sup> using this method. Therefore, we now know we can do many functions online and I urge the SKs to reach out and use this tool to its maximum capacity.

For numerous reasons (social distancing, candidate preparedness, etc.) we had to cancel the One Day State Conferral scheduled for Aug 15<sup>th</sup> in Reading, PA. We will reschedule sometime later in the year – a note, the SW Section has already scheduled a Conferral of the Offers for Jan 2021. This or other

conferrals may be a substitute for the Annual One Day conferral this year – more information will be forthcoming.

The testimonial is proceeding as planned and reservation forms are available thru your recorder and our GC website with detailed information. Please make note of the process we are following for making reservations due to the pandemic. Additionally, a similar process and reservation form for Gettysburg is also available.

SKs we all have had to adapt and make changes in our lives these past few months and most likely will for the foreseeable future. I intend to make use of Letters, General Orders and other correspondence regarding Templar matters to communicate with you – more so than you have seen in the past – please look for them throughout the year.

I pray for all of you and your loved ones to have continued happiness and stay safe in the time that is upon us.

Yours in Templary,  
Sean M. Tomic  
REGC

### A Letter from the Grand Prelate:

**So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36 (NIV)**

Freedom comes to us in several different ways. But the most important freedom is freedom from sin. Jesus came so that we could have life and have it more abundantly. As the above verse promises, when Christ sets you free, “you will be free indeed” and live a life of grace, free from fear of sin and death. Rejoice and be thankful, and let the Captain of our Salvation take away your worries and fears!

***When I am afraid, I put my trust in you O God. Help me to put my problems in perspective.***

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

### **Some Upcoming Events (dates are scheduled, but tentative until confirmed due to the pandemic):**

July 25 – Testimonial for the REGC, Green Tree, PA

August 15 – One-Day Conferral of Orders, Reading, PA

September 19 & 20 – Gettysburg Memorial Weekend

October 1 – Holy Land Pilgrimage nominations are due.