

## KANSAS TOPICS

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Salute to the Sir Knights of Kansas,

Well, it's November and Sadie Hawkins Day is the 13<sup>th</sup> for all the single ladies looking for a date. How many of you remember Sadie Hawkins Day? It was a day when all unattached ladies were allowed to ask or capture unattached males for a date or a dance. That was back in the day when ladies weren't allowed to do such things. It was all fictional of course but some do still celebrate the day. I also remember another November holiday; Thanksgiving. Halloween was my favorite holiday as a kid and Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday as an adult. It's all about spending time with family and friends and it's the only time you can legally overeat. Maybe not a legal issue but a lot of us do overeat and loosen our belts so we can squeeze in that last piece of pumpkin pie. How about the Detroit Lions football game on TV? Who could ask for anything more (our wives)? It's a giving of ourselves and not stressing about overpriced, unneeded gifts we can't afford. The best gift we can give is our time and spending it with family and friends is pretty special. I can't think of a better way to spend Thanksgiving. Some of us donate our time to food kitchens and see those in need don't go without a Thanksgiving meal. A very worthy use of our time and once again it's about the sharing. As Sir Knights we are asked to volunteer our time for our craft. I hope we joined the

organization with that in mind. I understand that, God, our families and our jobs come first, but I think it has possibly slid a little further down the list than we care to admit. Kansas York Rite and Knights Templar are at a crossroad. Our members are becoming older and older and our numbers are rapidly declining due to health issues and death. Filling those voids is a challenge and if we don't rise to meet it, we will soon cease to exist. I guess what I'm asking is that we rededicate our time to Knights Templar to see that doesn't happen. We are an outstanding Christian organization with a long history and we need to hang on to it with both hands. Once this pandemic is lifted, I would like to see all Sir Knights make a renewed effort in growing our craft. Sir Knights, again, all I'm asking is a little more of your time. I know how valuable it is, but Knights Templar is worth the price.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and hope you all get to spend some part of the day with family and friends. Don't forget to do that one thing we all love to do.... turn your clocks back on November 1<sup>st</sup> for the end of Daylight Savings Time. It may be too late, as you may not receive this in time for the warning. As usual, stay safe and healthy and may God Bless you all.

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