

Kevin McCans
R.E. Grand Commander**GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Sir Knights,

The month of November offers us two important dates to be observed. I ask that each of you highlight the following dates on your calendar and accord them the proper honor they deserve.

First, November 11th where we offer our gratitude to those who are serving or who have honorably served The United States of America in the several branches of The Uniformed Armed Services. Veterans Day. Let us remember "... the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good." Sound familiar, Sir Knights? Take the time to thank a Veteran.

Second, November 26th where we offer our gratitude for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Thanksgiving. Thank the Good Lord for the bounty you have. I do not necessarily speak of the material things, though they might make life a little bit more comfortable, nay I speak of family and the love they give; our health, though sometimes we suffer; and our faith in Jesus Christ and the everlasting life we will enjoy at His side.

"But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the Lord." Jonah 2:9

Fraters, it is difficult to fathom, but we are almost halfway through this Chivalric year. And though our beloved Order has been brought to a standstill by the pandemic, I encourage you all, from the Officers of the Grand Commandery to the Officers of the Constituent Commanderies, if you haven't already done so, start planning, managing and even executing your ideas for the upcoming year. It is never too early to start. We will return stronger.

Next month ushers in the final holiday season of 2020. Christmas. I hope and pray that we are allowed to return to our Asylums in December and celebrate. But if not, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas and continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy *is* he." Proverbs 16:20

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor." Proverbs 22:9

Thank you all for your service to Templary.

In the name of our Blessed Emmanuel, may Peace be with You.

Courteously,
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Grand Commander