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George George L. Herbolsheimer, IV, **Grand Commander** OCTOBER MESSAGE

My Fraters,

As I write my last message for the Knights Templar Magazine as your Grand Commander, I am honored to have been able to serve you and the greatest Grand Commandery in the world! As I reflect on this Templar year, I know it wasn't the year I had planned, but one plays the cards that he gets dealt. I am really pleased that the work which we planned for early in the year came to fruition. I hope that we will be returning to our Asylums in the near future to renew old acquaintances and knight new Templars and the world can come back to some sense of normalcy for us as Knights Templar.

A very heartfelt THANK YOU to those who have worked so diligently to make everything that could happen actually appear. Special commendations are due to PGC's Glenn Cunningham, Kenneth Sallale and Eugene Capobianco for all the work that they have put in to make my year look good. To all the Commanderies who actively supported your Grand Commandery this term, with your donations to the Eye Foundation, to the Scotland Trip fund, and to the various scholarships, as well to the general betterment of Templary in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, my special thank you. And, to all the Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, thank you and keep up the good work!

Now, what do we do going forward?

Keep up the communication with your existing membership.

You don't have to be the Commander, or even an officer. Just reach out and touch someone. I'm certain that you can get a membership list from your officers if you wish to make calls to your Fraters. Keep your candidates informed. Attend your Blue Lodge meetings if you feel safe to do so. Let them know of the virtues of Commandery. Keep up the community service. Although we are getting used to this brave new world, there are many of our community organizations who still need our help. Our vow to "wage war against the enemies of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian Religion" stands as strong as it did the day we were knighted. Keep the name of Knights Templar in front of the public.

Give the same hearty support to S.K. Stone as he becomes Grand Commander and to his corps of officers that you have given to me. I am looking forward to his leadership.

Finally, Sir Knights, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

As always, In His Service, albeit remotely,

George

George L. Herbolsheimer, IV, **Grand Commander**

OUR LAST 50 YEARS

Honoring Our Past Grand Commanders – Anniversaries



Earl H. Palmer St John"s 1 1970-50 YRS

Richard S. Sleeper *Max LudwigJr Jerusalem 19 ... 1980-40 YRS

..Pilgrim 9 1990-30 YRS *Deceased

CharlesR Austin Olivet 46 2000-20 YRS.

T H Bitomski Haverhill 14 2010-10 YRS