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 "Serve passionately until relieved"



Greetings my Fraters: It's with great pride and even more humility that I look back on the year and realize its over. As of the time you get this I will have served, hopefully to your satisfaction a year and a few days as your elected Grand Commander. I know that there were things I wanted to accomplish that I was not able to and probably things you wanted me to do that did not happen. In the recent days I have had many conversations with those past Grand Commanders that are close to me. Each of them has recalled the same feelings and expressed how much impact on their lives this experience has been. I have so many feelings that I just can't put into words, What I can say is they run the gambit of human emotions. I laugh and cry sometimes on the same thoughts. The one most assured thing I can say is although I've completed the time selected to serve, you have yet to rid yourselves of me. I hope to continue to serve this Grand Jurisdiction in some positive way, whatever that may be. I served under the theme, "Serve passionately until relieved". In a matter of day's I will be relieved, but the passion I have for masonry, especially you my beloved Templars is one of the strongest drives in my life. I am confident that Sir Knight John will carry the torch so amply passed to me by Sir Knight Shawn and to him by those who served before. It is a great honor to be chosen to serve as the presiding elected servant of a Christian Order so historic and so proud as ours. I am, as I suppose so many others have been completely humbled by your support and the vast experiences you honored me with. Lady Christy and I step aside and will continue to keep this order in our hearts. To her I convey my love and joy for the support she has always been, and yes she did get another Dog as a gift. Again: my fraters I give my thanks.

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A Knight of York

Grand Commander, Knight Templars of Michigan



In these changing times, the flow of information is more and more critical. Please the information you have for others to participate.

Make sure to visit the Grand Commandery Web page often, WWW.Kt-MI.org always remember it they don't know they won't go.



2020 Grand Session Information

Notice these plans are subject to change based on Federal, State and Fraternal leadership decisions.

Regretfully, I announce that due to restrictions on Templar gathering imposed by the Grand Master Knight Templars USA, **Michigan will not be participating in the Joint York Rite Session, scheduled for the end of this month.** **Our altered session will instead be held:**

September 26th 2020, We have several changes for this compressed one day session. Should restrictions be lifted :

Session Location; Pinckney Masonic Center, 210 Mann St, Pinckney Mi.

Pre-registration by email to SK. Jay Kennedy will be required

{skjpk@yahoo.com} not later than September 23rd, 2020

In person check in will begin at 0730 and will close promptly at 0830

Sorry: Session will be Knights Only, no Visitors or Ladies please, Also there will be no food served. Bottled water and

maybe coffee will be accessible. Please plan accordingly. For those who choose there will be a Virtual link so you can join us from home, information will be provided by SK Jay Kennedy prior to the session by mass email for all who are preregistered.

Please direct questions regarding the session to the Adhoc committee of Myself, SK Kennedy or SK Murphy or SK Winn. Any of these knights can get you to the right person regarding specialized questions that may come up for this unique session.

First I want to extend to you my thanks for giving me the privilege and honor of serving as your Grand Commander. I hope to continue my travels to your commanderies as the virus permits. As conditions permit my daughter Rachel and I will be traveling together. My theme for this year is "**What's in it for me**".

As we go forward it is essential that we bring new members into our commanderies. In doing so, we need to first make sure that we identify what's in organization that is important to the candidate. In other *words what's in it for them*. Next we must be sure to mentor the candidates and help them to become familiar with our ritual and get them involved. I feel that it is the responsibility of the first line signer to take on that responsibility. Remember that as Knights Templar we are disciples of Christ and as such must be teachers of His lessons. May God bless you and have you in His Holy Keeping.

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