



Grand Commandery of Minnesota

## *Knights Templar*

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Greetings Sir Knights,

As we sit in our chambers and reflect on the events of the last several months, contemplating when we will be able to visit and enjoy each other's company, we can take solace in knowing that our Brethren will be waiting for us, ready to share their light.

Growing up in Pennsylvania, I was raised in a family with a long and deep involvement in the Craft. In fact, I carry my Great-Great Grandfather's Past Commander's sword. His sword reminds me of his devotion to our shared principles. He devoted his time to serving our family, the craft, and his community. Sharing of his light with others....

As these times create divides that keep us apart, we strive to create equally as many ways to stay connected. Several of our Commandery's have held regular virtual meetings to share and educate. The Sir Knights have presented on topics, discussed ways to improve and strengthen the craft, and shared in fellowship. Not only have they meet virtually, they have offered each other assistance. The Sir Knights have reached out to assist with picking up and delivering necessities and providing much needed companionship.

These Sir Knights remind me of Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12

9: Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor.

10: For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

12: And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

And Acts 20:35:

35: I have shewed you all things how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Templary is reflected in the faces of these Sir Knights, showing great compassion, charity, and benevolence. A living example in our daily lives of those virtues and principals. At once exemplifying and binding us to this Magnanimous Order.

So, go forth, share your illumination and inspiration with others. Lift each other up, assist those in need, grant solace. That our souls may bathe in that warm and gracious glow.

In His Name, your faithful servant,

**Sir Knight R. Sean Gardiner**

**“Yes, you have to find what light sparks a light in you so that you in your own way can illuminate the world”**

**Oprah Winfrey**