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Greetings Sir Knights,

As we roll into the hot and hazy days of August, I hope your summer is going well and you're able to get some time off to relax with family at your favorite vacation spot, enjoy some great food, recharge your mind and your soul, and get back to the work of Knights Templar here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Your Grand Line officers will be heading out to Minneapolis from the 14th to the 18th for the 68th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Our goal is to represent the best interests of all the Sir Knights in PA while considering any legislation that has been proposed. I will report on our efforts once we get back so everyone is aware of any changes that may be coming in the future.



The One Day Class will be held on August 28th at the Reading Masonic Center. I would love to see a big class of new Sir Knights that day. We will be taking precautions relating to COVID so everyone can have a safe and meaningful experience.

As a reminder, Gettysburg Weekend has been moved to Saturday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 3rd. Please take advantage of the sights and heritage available in this historic area. There are lots of great places to shop and eat around the area. Maybe you want to come in a day early and take advantage of those options.

This will be the last state supplement that will be in the Knight Templar Magazine. Future supplements will still be available online at the Grand Encampment website <https://www.knightstemplar.org/KTnews/>.

I hope to have a link to each month's insert on the Grand Commandery website as well at <https://pagrandcommandery.org/>.

The start of this Templar year has been a busy one. I'm very excited for what lies ahead of us for the rest of it and beyond. Remember that just one kind act can change a person's day, and maybe more. We need to set the example for others to follow in their own way and help this world become a better community for the generations that follow behind us.

Yours in Templary,
Mark G. Mattern, REGC

A Letter from the Associate Grand Prelate:

Romans 12:9-21

Sir Knights:

Each year our recently installed Right Eminent Grand Commander issues a series of General Orders to inform and direct our Grand Commandery in the program he has in mind for us to carry out during his term of office. Many of these orders are quite familiar, but some are unique to his hopes for his year as Grand Commander. Most are quite easy to carry out, but some of them stretch us to become better Knights Templar.

In a similar way, St. Paul instructs us as Christians in what he believes God wants us to do in our everyday lives as Christians. Some of these recommendations we understand readily, but others are quite a challenge, even if we have been faithful Christians our whole lives long. I encourage you to review this passage and ask yourself as I do of myself, how am I measuring up to this high standard? Where do I need to make improvements? Where can I be more generous in sharing the love of Christ to those around me in my community?

We are assured that with God's grace, nothing is impossible for those who love the Lord with all their hearts, minds, and souls. Let us be dedicated in our devotion to our Christ as we lift high His banner of love and reconciliation.

Courteously yours,
SK & Rev. David A. Eichelberger