



Grand Commandery of Michigan

"Together, for a Better Tomorrow"

Gary L. Paquet, Right Eminent Grand Commander

To the Officers, Sir Knights and Ladies of this jurisdiction of Michigan:



Greetings and Merry Christmas!

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

These are the words the Chorus sings of the 12th piece of Handel's Messiah. It is the announcement to the world of the birth of Christ, our redeemer, our savior. In reflection, little did the people of the time know of all that he was to give; the blessings about to be bestowed, the lessons of which we would be taught. However, today we do. In this time of Christmas, we as Christian Knights must continue to be role models for society and for our children. There is much strife and division throughout the land. Let's pledge anew our commitment to the examples and lessons that Jesus laid out for us in the holy bible. We are the embodiment of all that he asks us to be. Never forget how powerful that is and how every little act of kindness, be it a grasp of the hand, a ride for a person in need, a home cooked meal or simply a phone call or visit can have. When we do, he lives through us. What greater honor can we give?

Christmas is a time of traditions, gathering of family, exchanging gifts, and celebrating the birth of our Savior. One of my traditions is to play the first two parts of the Messiah culminating with the 44th piece:

December Birthdays of Grand Officers and Ladies: The happiest of birthdays to each of you!

11-Lady Chris Hansen
14-Lady Sandra Erspamer
15-Lady Joanne Darling
20-Sir Knight David Seyferth
21-Lady Vickie Ickes
21-Lady Doris Skrepnek
22-Sir Knight Darel Winslow
24-Lady Carol Lesley
28-Sir Knight Claude Miller

"Halleluia! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ: and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!" Handel wrote this Oratorio in 24 days and it's one of the greatest musical pieces, ever! Yes, the music is masterful, but the message brings it to another level. It is the musical version of our faith.

For those who have received my pin, it is a simple cross with our motto "In Hoc Signo Vinces. In this sign you will conquer. It is a simple design but a powerful reminder of all that is possible. As you gather this Christmas and celebrate your traditions, always remember for who this day truly belongs. Give thanks to him who created us in his image,

gave his only son and who took away our sins so we could live forever in the house of the Lord. "And he shall reign for ever and ever." And we shall reign for ever and ever because of him.



From my house to yours, from my family to yours, blessings to each of you. May you be filled with his spirit today and always.

Merry Christmas, Peace and Good Will to all and God Bless,

Sir Knight Gary L. Paquet, PC, KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Knights Templar of Michigan



A Toast to the Eminent Grand Commander Christmas 2021

We offer a toast to you, our Grand Commander, at this Christmas season in the year of Our Lord 2021 on behalf of the Sir Knights of this grand jurisdiction, we raise our glasses to you as you lead our band of Sir Knight and our noble order.

Gathering to celebrate with family and friends is a joyous part of this most joyous of seasons. There is this foundational truth that this is the celebration of the introduction of salvation to eternal life. Indeed, the Angels announce, "For unto you is born this day, a savior which is Christ the Lord!", and the Hosts of heaven, enjoin "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." This coming at a time when people that were suffering under an occupation of a foreign military power and political system.

Christmas Observances

For a full list of events go to KT-MI.ORG

12/5	Howell No.28
12/13	Genesee Valley No.15
12/15	Marshall No.17
12/19	Detroit No.1
12/23	Lansing No.25



Today, we are emerging from dark days of our own, and so the message of Christmas perhaps should be more significant than in recent times and should call us all to rejoice anew with the saints; "For unto us a savior; Christ the Lord, is born." As this Christmas morn dawns, there should be a renewed excitement, this babe shall reign and reign forever. "Hallelujah...what a savior." The radiant lights of morn, enlighten our visions of today and of tomorrow.

For you Eminent Grand Commander, we fondly wish a glorious Christmas season. As we celebrate, we pause to remember those of Templary that serve with us and together with them, collectively we anticipate the dawn of a brand-new day

remembering that dawn that heralded so much for us all. We pray for your year of service, for wisdom, and a joyful trek through days to come.

A Toast to you, Eminent Grand Commander!

In his Service;

Sir Knight David Dossette, PC, KYGCH
Eminent Grand Prelate

December Inspections –

For a full list of inspections and details go to KT-MI.ORG

12/2	Lexington Commandery No. 27-No Order- Regular Conclave
12/11	Detroit No. 1



YPSILANTI COMMANDERY No.54
100th Anniversary December 4th 2021
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