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Knightly Greetings!

2021 - Grand Commandery Drill School and Competition

On the morning of October 16, 2021, the 3rd Annual Grand Commandery Drill School commenced. In total we had 14 Sir Knights present, some of which were new Sir Knights, and some were 'seasoned' Sir Knights. All were excited to learn, and it was great getting know each other. Regardless of experience, we taught everyone the basics from drawing swords to simple marching. Then we separated the Sir Knights into three teams and went through every maneuver on the Drill Routine sheet to include the sword manual until everyone had a comfortable understanding of all the maneuvers.

At around noon, we officially began the 2021 – Grand Commandery Drill Competition. The three competing Drill Teams were: Fredericksburg Commandery #1, Grice Commandery #16, and New River Valley Commandery #32. Each team stood for inspection than executed the Drill Routine. All the teams did very well, especially when you consider that most of the Sir Knights learned the Drill Routine that same day. In the end, New River Valley Commandery #32 won the day!



Festival of Orders

On October 23rd, Lynn Commandery hosted a festival for the conferral of the Orders. There were twenty-six new Sir Knights that joined our ranks as part of the Joseph Samuel Di Pietro class. Joe Di Pietro was serving as Commander of Johnson Commandery in 2020 and unfortunately passed unto that celestial Lodge above in October of 2020. We had the pleasure of REPGC R.B. Henderson, Jr. knighting the class. REPGC Baldwin Gerard Locher, Jr. lead the Commandery in a heartwarming knighting of his Son, Baldwin "Winn" Gerard Locher III who joining our ranks. There were Sir Knights knighted from eight different Commanderies. In addition to our two REPGCs, also present were Scott Fielding (Grand Senior Warden), Joe Broce (Grand Standard Bearer), Charles Steele III (Grand Instructor General), and Brandon Hale (Assistant Grand Recorder). We are immensely proud of our new Sir Knights and our Degree team.



This has been a wonderful month! The Fraternity shown within the drill teams, together with the obvious Fidelity given in 26 Knightings, is a reminder that these core-values are alive and well within our Grand Commandery.

With all Knightly Courtesies,

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Grand Commander