



William J. Jackson, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

July has arrived and with it plenty of hot weather. I can enjoy running around (well these days, warbling around) in shorts and enjoy being out in the sun. Our garden is in and we are looking forward to fresh vegetables. At this same time there are those who grumble about the heat and say they can't wait for the first snow fall. I guess this is done, because they can't wait to complain about the snow and ice.

People need to be thankful for all of God's gifts. And yes this is a gift from God. It's another precious day of life given us. Each day is a precious gift that should be fully enjoyed.

We just celebrated Memorial Day and the 4th of July. I hope everyone took time to thank God for their freedom and their life. We need to thank our veterans for the ability to live freely. It didn't happen by wishing. A lot of people in the service of the USA bled for that freedom. Some gave the ultimate, their very lives.

We as a country seem to forget this or ignore it. This is because, unlike WWII, wars don't affect the whole population. War has become a political thing by our politicians. They don't commit the number of troops to do the job to win. The population seems to feel that they have no stake in any of these wars because they are not directly involved.

We need to be thankful for our military for doing a dirty job that most are unwilling or too cowardly to do. Remember them not just on these holidays but every day.

We need to be thankful that COVID-19 is beginning to wane and we can get back to a more normal situation. While it's not over yet there is light at the end of the tunnel. Get your vaccinations and be thankful that God allowed the scientists the ability to develop a cure.

I guess what I am saying is don't be finding fault in everything, but give thanks to God in all instances. We are a bless nation, but our news people are always pushing us to moan and groan because we don't have what we want right now. You can only enjoy life, if you look for the silver lining.

Courteously,
William J. Jackson,

Grand Commander

Western Kentucky York Rite Festival

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Princeton, Kentucky

Work begins 8:00 am Central time

Contact Brad Rudolph at 270-498-4083 for more information

Sir Knights, I am told that the August edition of *Knight Templar* will be the last to carry the state inserts. The incoming Grand Master has decided to discontinue them as a cost-cutting measure. They will continue to be posted on the Knights Templar website at <http://www.knightstemplar.org/KTnews>. We also plan to notify everyone on the *Kentucky Keystone* mailing list when ours is posted. If you aren't receiving the *Keystone*, you can contact the editor at the email address below to be added. We generally carry more, and more current state Templar news in that publication than we have space here. – Editor

You can find this and previous inserts, as well as previous editions of the Knight Templar Magazine at <http://www.knightstemplar.org/KTnews>.

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