



**MAINE
SUPPLEMENT**

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Greetings Sir Knights,

This is the time of the year we celebrate the independence of our great nation. Let us also reflect on the contributions Mainers made to the revolution. The first naval engagement of the war was the Battle of Machias (June 1775) where the good people of Machias and surrounding communities captured the British ships that were foolish enough to fool with Machias. Not having learned their lesson, the British came back to Machias again in 1777 to suffer another defeat.

The summer is among us. I hope that everyone is enjoying the sunshine and warm weather. Friends and family gathering, the smell of bbq and camp fires in the air, and beautiful nights with the windows open. These are the days that make the winter months tolerable.

We also celebrate the birth of our great nation on the 4th. Let us remember the efforts of our forefathers. The sacrifices that they made, the virtues that drove them forward, and the tenants that they indoctrinated into the new nation that they envisioned. May we always be as pure, true, and steadfast in our own lives, and professions.

Starting this fall, the supplement will no longer be printed in the Knight Templar Magazine and will only be available by internet. If you do not use the internet, please let your recorder know so we can get you a printed copy.

Dear Lord,

We pray for your guidance that we may continue to follow your plan.

Amen

Per order of

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Attest

Thomas A. Emery