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Greetings Sir Knights,

The start of this Templar year has been inspiring. I have been able to travel and attend several in person Stated Conclaves of the constituent commanderies. It feels like old times, but still with some precautions of the present.



As we head out on vacation or local summertime events let us not forget those who are less fortunate and in need of our thoughts and prayers. Don't take life for granted. Let us remember those people who can't always be with family and friends during the weekends and summer holidays because they are deployed to keep our country safe from afar, or working long hours to keep us safe from within. Our essential workers and first responders that go out every day to help our community and keep us safe. **Make a Statement and Take a Stand** for them. Change the world one kind act at a time

I hope you have been able to join us for the new series of information presented via GoToMeeting called "Templar Moments". This series is to help pass along information about the doings of the Grand Commandery, events that are coming up, and some fun topics to learn about. A short presentation on Saturday mornings once a month, they are also available to watch at a later time. Links are sent out via email to the Recorders and I hope they are making it to as many Sir Knights as possible.

I have and will be recording messages to be shared via YouTube. These links will also be sent to the Recorders to be shared with all Sir Knights. It's another way to use technology to stay in touch.

In July we will have the Testimonial Dinner and Awards Night at the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum just north of

Hershey. This is a great venue to come out and see great exhibits of antique cars. Even if you're not a big antique car enthusiast I'm sure you will see some things that bring back memories. Lady Jodi and I are looking forward to a great evening and hope to see many of you there on July 24th.

The planning for the one-day conferral of Orders on August 28th is still continuing. The conferral will be at the Masonic Center of Reading in West Reading. I am looking forward to a great turnout and the making of new Sir Knights.

Yours in Templary,
Mark G. Mattern, REGC

A Letter from the Associate Grand Prelate:

Sir Knights, the month of July is always a time for family and friends to spend time together getting reacquainted and sharing pleasurable time with others.

Life has a depth and dimension that many of us have never realized. There is so much to do; so much that needs to be done. We can find voice in many worthwhile ventures if we want to do so.

Brethren, if you spend all your time looking at the ground, you'll never see the sun rise or the sun set. You'll never see the smile that creases an aged face or the twinkle in the eye of a child because you will develop a grumpy disposition, a hateful attitude, or a bitter spirit to mention a few.

Bitter people drive others away from them and are left with their reward – themselves. Now wouldn't it be better to live in fellowship for God and others? I think so; I hope you do too.

Yours in Christ,
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