

## WISCONSIN Supplement

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Sir Knights, it is with hopeful joy that I greet all of you as the newly installed Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the state of Wisconsin. We have a powerful year ahead of us and it will take teamwork and camaraderie to get this year out of the gate and "Forging Onward". We need to dust off our regalia and get our uniforms ready, we need to be brushed up on our ritual and floor work. So shine those shoes and get to reading. We have been stonewalled by Disease and Governmental restrictions and we have bided our time, waiting (not always patiently) for the opportunity to get back to our work, back to sharing time and breaking bread with our fellow Sir Knights, back to conferring our Chivalric Orders. I look at this as a brief break in our continuing efforts to enlighten and grow our Brotherhood of Sir Knights. Such a thing is not unheard of in the history of Templary and I reflect on times in our history when we were being pursued by our detractors and were forced underground or chose to flee our commanderies for the survival of our Order. Our Brethren of the past faced all this stoically and used that determination to drive forward and plan for the future, a future we are now a part of today. The Knights Templar have survived much worse and bounced back to fill our ranks with eager and qualified men.

So, I challenge all of you to be ready to get to work. We already have many worthy candidates waiting in the wings as you read this. They have been patient and true and we cannot let them down. They are eager to become Sir Knights and we need to make it worth their weight. We need all of you to do as much as you can to help us bring these new Sir Knights into the fold.

Practice, so you can do your part and be proud of the part you have taken in bringing new men to our Order. If we can do our best, these new Sir Knights will have pride in their commitment and that will show, and it will bring more candidates to our doorstep. By increasing our numbers, we will be better enabled to perform our work as many hands make the work easier and increased numbers allows us greater opportunities to participate in all aspects of membership in the Grand Encampment of the USA.

May your Summer be joyful and free of anxiety and may the Lord's blessings be with you and your family.

Courteously yours;

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