

## Delaware Supplement

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Happy summer to fellow Knights and their families. I am incredibly pleased to report that all three Commanderies are presently in phase one of the Grand Encampment reopening protocol. St John Commandery lead by Commander Gerald Brennan has continued holding in person meeting as well as offering zoom communication with those knights that cannot attend. St. Andrew held their first in person meeting in April and it was well attended. Commander Michael Pizzola also arranged a zoom connection for those Knights that could not attend. I was pleased to be in attendance and witness the good work being conducted. Trinity Commander under the leadership of Commander Gerald Kissel first in person meet was held April 29<sup>th</sup>. It was good to see the members of my home commandery even under the present Covid 19 restrictions.

I hope in my next message I can give details concerning our fall ritual schedule. The York Rite Planning Committee will be meeting to discuss what the next steps will be to resume a ritual schedule. It is my hope that by the fall there will be enough vaccinated individuals that we can resume a modified schedule and again receive new members.

Please remember to support the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. There are very good articles and videos presentation on the Grand Encampment website. The web site is [www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org) and use the table of content at the top of the page to find the Eye Foundation section. You will learn how your support aids so many in our country and worldwide.

I would ask all my officers to use these summer months to refresh your ritual work. Set a time aside each week to spend an hour or more studying the degrees. Also, I would ask those elected officers to review opening and closing of the commanderies. I hope in the fall to start practicing sword drill so we can improve our skill and presentation.

Sir Knights have a great summer. Spend time with your families and friend and now that more are being vaccinated and the CDC are restructuring their warnings. Maybe you can even plan some short trips to your favorite beach.

Randy Mullen  
Grand Commander

Please remember our charities and support them with your contributions. The Grand Commandery has a fund set aside to provide for an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land for ordained ministers. Your donation will help to fund this worthwhile program in the future. Donations can be made out to the Grand Commandery of Delaware and noting that it is for the Holy Land Pilgrimage and sent to the Grand Recorder.

Also, for those Sir Knights who are not already Life Members of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, a contribution of \$30 will allow you to become one. Donations can be made through your local Commandery Recorder.