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JUNE MESSAGE

From the Grand month for graduations and commencements; for schools and for Templars. With Covid -19 restrictions easing we can all look forward to attending important family events again.

Speaking of events, the “York Rite Family Events” Program is Planning our first outing at the Worcester Woo Sox next month, assuming of course, Covid will let us gather. Updates will be forthcoming from the office. Also, the Grand Inspector Instructor and his assistants will be presenting a series of Schools of the Knight this Summer throughout the jurisdiction. We are requiring the top three officers, Wardens, Capt. Of the Guard., Warder and Ritualist's to attend. This program is to help our Commandery's get back up to speed and ask questions. All other interested S.K.'s can attend if space allows. Dates and locations will be forthcoming from the office. Due to Covid restrictions you **MUST** preregister.

Many, if not most of the commanderies will have The “old officers” will, in many cases, be “graduating” and the newly elected successors will be awaiting installation.

This is a good time to take stock of what went well this past year and, perhaps, what could be improved a bit. Incoming officers would do well to communicate with each other about what they want to accomplish in the coming year.

June is also the official start of Summer. Vacations, family gatherings, and a host of purely social events take place. Please, be careful and respect the Covid rules. Be safe as we all come together and enjoy life again.

Throughout this Summer, Lady Barbara and I wish you and your family and friends safe travels and a quiet and restorative time.

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JUNE MESSAGE By the PRELATE

Hallelujah Sir Knights;

You are the light of the world! We refer to a passage of scripture in our order, “*let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven*” (Matt. 5:16)

What does that mean? What is your light? How do others see it shine?

Another way of thinking about light is to consider it truth in darkness, the truth of the world's Savior bringing light and truth to the world. John 1 4-8 tells us:

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

As Knights Templar we bear witness to the light, we reflect the light through our daily actions with those around us. And the credit for the light is not ours but our Saviors. As a candle is not responsible for the flame that produces light but is only the material through which the light is enabled so too we are the material which actualizes Christ's light in the world. May his light shine through us all.

In his service and in His name I pray this for us all.

Peace to you.

God bless you all.

Glen Cunningham