

Connecticut

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Knightly News

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Sir Knights,

As we enter March the weather is starting to warm up and winter will soon be behind us. While I have a strong attachment to winter I do look forward to the longer days and warmer evenings but I do hope to get in several more turns on the ski slopes before it is over.

As we move through March we as Knights Templar must prepare ourselves, which is the purpose of the Lenten season. It is during this time that we can reflect on the meaning of our relationship with God and the meaning of the gift of salvation. But more importantly it is a chance to reflect on death for we are all born to die. Thankfully Lent ends with re-birth in the resurrection; we all have the chance a re-birth thanks to the sacrifice made for all mankind. As you reflect on the gift of salvation also give thought the life that you want to lead moving forward. We can celebrate the gift of re-birth by changing how we currently lead our lives.

We as Sir Knights share a common faith even though we may celebrate and observe Lent with different traditions. As such, I would encourage every Sir Knight to spend some time during these forty days reflecting, praying or meditating on the meaning of salvation, your relationship with God, and how you can improve that relationship.

We each voluntarily knelt at that altar where we picked up that sword and that buckler. Today I ask that we again pick them up to do battle with the internal that we might improve that house and that we might find pleasure and meaning in the oaths that we took.

Until I see you down the road...

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Knight Templar Education Foundation Updates

While the following ran last month, its importance begs that it be run again this month.

The Knights Templar Education Foundation of CT will be continuing its support of our scholars amidst the mayhem of the COVID, and the grant program for 2021 is now open for applicants, reports Chairman, SK William L. Miller. Open to students of CT residency planning to enter or completing their college or trade school studies, but without regard to any affiliations to Masonry, an applicant is required to prepare and submit all required information no later than March 1, 2021. Recognizing that the COVID may have some influence on the availability of academic records, applicants should start early and work with their guidance counselors to prepare a complete dossier. For those continuing in their studies, an updated dossier is required, and a grant award is not automatic.

The forms which detail the requirements and qualifications for grant consideration are available from Chm Miller, or Records of your local Commandery. Awards will be announced in May. Address your requests for forms and information to SK William L. Miller, 4 Aspen Rise, East Granby, CT 06026; phone 860-716-0004 or email: william.l.miller@snet.net.

Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut

The annual session of the Grand Commandery will be held on Saturday, April 17th. At this time further details are still being worked out to the form that this session will be held. Yet, due to the ongoing pandemic it will more than likely be held in a virtual format. Further details and registration will be sent to the recorders and posted on the website when available.