



William J. Jackson, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

May is here. I trust everyone had a joyous Easter. I want to thank Sir Knight REPGC Larry Carte for another fine Easter Program. Also, with May comes the spring. A season of new life. Trees are blooming, grass is growing and flowers are beginning to bloom. It will soon be time to plant the garden and shortly thereafter brag about the size of our tomatoes. But May means much more to me. You see God planted the month of May in my heart. My wife was born May 19th and my son (Bill) was born May 31st. I have long had plenty of reason to be thankful for May. It's always brought me good things.

On another note, inspections are over. I would like to take this time to thank all the Division Commanders, who put forth all the time and effort to make this happen. It was an administrative inspection, but at least this year we didn't have to cancel them due to the COVID. We are thankful at this time to be able to meet, open, and conduct short form Orders of Red Cross and Malta.

I would like to remind everyone that we are not out of the woods yet. Everyone needs to do their part with PPE and social distancing. Let's all stay safe and make sure to get your COVID shots. Several of us have had COVID-19. It's VERY REAL people. Believe me, even if you don't die, you will be miserable for 2-3 weeks and the weakness goes on for months. I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. So let stay safe and be responsible and just maybe we can all cross the finish line together.

Let us do as Sir Knight REPGC Randall Partin urged us to do, "Do Good Works". Don't think that just studying your tactics will be enough. Remember that we are a philanthropy. Even if we can't open in full form, we can still do God's work. Let's support the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund and the Templar Eye fund. Don't just say, "well I pay

my dues and the assessments go to these. Dig deeper and contribute from your own pocket. Let's also remember our goal of having every commandery 100% compliant as Life members in the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund and in the Templar Eye fund. Again Sir Knight Larry Carte has some great ideas how our more fortunate commanderies can help those not so fortunate to be able to do this. And he is always more than happy to share these ideas with you.

I would also like to remind you, that we need each commandery to start a clothes closet or a fund to help supply a uniform for any needy new knights. Let us also try to support a \$500.00 scholarship to a local high school student who is a graduating senior and has been accepted by a college or Trade school. When we leave this world, people will only remember us for our deeds. If we do nothing, then there is nothing to remember and everything we thought or felt dies with us. Let us keep up the good fight. Let us do what is good in God's sight!

Courteously,
William J. Jackson,
Grand Commander



Sir Knight Leslie E. Black
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