



## WISCONSIN Supplement

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Greetings, Sir Knights!

Spring has sprung and summer knocks at our door. Our Annual Grand Conclave will be held on June 19, 2021, at 9:00 am. This year's conclave will again be virtual. Our tech team did a great job last year and has been perfecting the process, assisting other jurisdictions in presenting virtual annual meetings. We are in very capable hands. Registration and other information can be found on our Grand Commandery Website; GCKTWIS.org. You won't have to leave the comfort of home, but we won't get to shake your hand, either. Hopefully, we may do so at our next Grand Conclave.

It is our hope that we will soon be able to meet in person. While masks and gloves will be with us for some time, as our members are being vaccinated, we hope to re-evaluate any risk through in-person gatherings. We also hope that soon we will be able to resume our ritual work and receive those who have been anxiously awaiting their Orders. I tip my chapeau to those six Knights of Malta in St. Omer Commandery who were but six days from receiving their Order of the Temple. While our ritual teaches patience and perseverance, there is no doubt they have exemplified these attributes and we look forward to soon celebrating their reward with them.

This Templar Year is rapidly drawing to a close and Covid-19 has given us a mixed bag. Many of our plans had to be changed, if not canceled. But through the darkness a new tool called ZOOM gave us light. Most of our commanderies continue meeting through the pandemic on this new platform and continue to keep their skills honed and complete their business. Once we are able to fully return to the Asylum, we will be ready.

May 13<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Day, the day our Lord ascended into heaven to take his place at the right hand of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus walked among the people, bearing witness that he is truly the savior of man. Now he sits with his father, an intercessor for all those who believe in him. Our ritual teaches us that all who believe in Jesus shall not suffer death, but through HIM shall receive the crown of everlasting life. Be sure to set aside time to reflect on the glorious conclusion of the passion and give thanks for the many blessings that we receive through Christ, our lord and savior.

As Ascension Day marks the end of the Holy Season, so it also signals the end of another Templar Year. Soon the mantle of leadership will be passed to new leaders to lead us into the future. This year, like any other saw successes, challenges and yes, even failures. The task list never gets completed, and new tasks are usually added, seemingly making the list even longer than when you began. But that is a good sign. As you do more, you realize there is still more to do. Such is the nature of our craft.

I hope you will join us on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We have much to accomplish. I'll see you in the Asylum!

See you in the Asylum!  
Courteously,  
Charles (Mick) Olson, KCT, REG

Hello my fellow Sir Knights. Welcome to a month of transition. In May we transition from Spring to Summer and from one Chivalric year to the next which starts in June here in Wisconsin. Like the seasonal transition we see some stormy weather, we deal with it and move on, and we hope for better weather. Well, we have seen politics and pandemic added to the list and most of us are more than ready to move on with anticipation of better things to come. We may have weathered the storm, but now we need to pull together as a Brotherhood and look to what we need to accomplish in the near future to encourage growth and harmony for our fraternity. Transitions are just spaces in time that facilitate change, and change is unavoidable. You cannot stop Summer from coming, any more than you can make the leaves stay on the trees in the Fall. Likewise, we will need to adapt to the changes that evolved during the last two years and become a more efficient Fraternal Order if we are to have a successful future. We need to have a positive outlook, we need to accept a newer way of accomplishing our work, so we can grow. I look forward to working with all of you in the next year to be the best we all can be. I see the 2021 to 2022 Chivalric year like breaking out of a fog and into the open with a clear path ahead. I still have one of my old Army, Unit Crests and on it is the motto: Forging Onward. I am going to adopt that as my motivator for the next year and pledge to keep, Forging Onward, for the betterment of our Fraternity and our Grand Commandery. May the Lord's blessings and grace be with you and may this find you all in good health.

Courteously Yours;  
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