

# The Florida Knight

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Greetings Sir Knights,

Ah, November. What a great month of the year. The weather here in Florida is finally starting to cool. Daylight Savings Time is coming to a close meaning we will have sunrise earlier in the day and nightfall earlier. Caution should be taken in traveling to meetings due to it getting darker sooner and safety should always be foremost in our minds.

One very important date this month is November 11th. At the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, World War 1 came to a close when the Armistice with Germany formally ended major hostilities. This date became known as Armistice Day or Remembrance day. In 1954, in the U.S., the name was changed to Veterans Day after several organizations petitioned to have it changed to honor all veterans. It is one of three holidays that honors our service members. Veterans Day honors all veterans for their service, Memorial Day on the last Monday of May honors all the fallen service members who died protecting us, and Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday of May which honors those service members currently serving.

Another great Holiday in November is Thanksgiving. A day to give thanks for all we have, all the friends and family we have, the ability to come closer to our Creator and give thanks for Him who sent his Son to give us a way to return to Him when our journey and service to Him are completed here on Earth. Though our hardships here can sometimes seem difficult to us, it is all a part of His greater plan for Salvation. There is nothing He would put in front of us that He would think that we cannot handle. I am thankful for the ability to serve Him in whatever capacity He deems fit for me.

Since June 1st, 2021, MMS shows that we have a total gain of 54 Sir Knights. This number may be correct. Recorders, are you entering all new Knightings after your Festivals? Your diligence in prompt reporting affects this. Be sure to enter them as soon as possible after the festivals as this number needs to be as accurate as possible. Per Capita for both your Bodies and the Grand Commandery are both determined by this. Also, to the membership, be sure to make sure that your contact and mailing information is correct so you can receive the Knight Templar Magazine and any other important mailings.

With the gain of 54 since June, our total for 2021 since January comes to 181. We are doing well on new Knightings. Now we need to work on lowering Suspensions. Total Loss for the year so far is 174, 86 of which are suspension. Let's see what we can do to change that. Sometimes NPD's happen from a lack of interest. After the difficulty of Covid, and the time away from Masonry in general, it can be difficult for members to return after a long time. Institute programs that may renew their interest; assign active members to contact the inactive ones to see if there is anything they can help them with or if they need rides. Contact the ones that have gone NPD and see what we can do to bring them back.

I am at just over half way in Official Visitations for the year. I have been able to sit with many of you in Conclave and I am looking forward to seeing the rest of you soon. I have been pleased at the Official Visitations I have made, you are all coming along very well, keep up the good work. Several Commanderies are beginning to work toward participating in the Richard J. Carr Competition and the Jesse E. Ramsdell Competition. It should be a very interesting year for competitions. I hope many more Commanderies aim to compete this year.

Finally, as elections draw near for Commandery Officers, I hope that you all take the time to plan ahead and prepare for the upcoming year. Preparation for the year can make or break a Commandery. When you put a plan in place and act on that plan, things go a lot smoother than just "winging it". We can meet and take care of business easily. Do your meetings have content? We can meet every month and never DO anything. Lets work toward having something other than paying bills. Content, be it programs from individuals from the community presenting something about events around the area prior to the meeting, or Sir Knights presenting educational talks in the meeting, enhance the night and make for a more eventful evening.

I hope all goes well for you this coming month, that you and your families enjoy the holidays, and please keep those less fortunate in your hearts and minds, always ready to offer assistance if possible.

Courteously yours in Christ,

Adam M. Bryan  
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# Current Events in Florida



Past REGC James T. Mason, stepping up as Warden for the Orders.



Senior Warden Harriott instructing S.K. Wermann on how it will be done.



SK Gene Sims welcoming a new S.K. Most of the Venice chapter of Widows Sons received the Orders.

The Festival Conferring the Orders in Tampa on October 9th, 2021 was a huge success!



Candidate for the Orders in a moment of reflection.



A great turn out of Sir Knights from around the state.