

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR LOUISIANA



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings all Valiant Sir Knights of the Temple:

What a glorious time of the year! We are now into the month of November, which means our calendar year 2021 is almost behind us, but November contains two (2) very important holidays, namely Veterans Day on November 11 and Thanksgiving on November 24.

We celebrate Veterans Day only once a year, but it should be celebrated every day of the year to honor our men and women who are serving and have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, the greatest nation on earth. We should always be thankful to those men and women in the Army, Marine Corps, the Navy, the Air Force and the Coast Guard. Their service for protecting our rights to freedom and assembly stationed here in the United States and around the world let us do what we do.

Veterans Day was established in 1919 as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson as the first commemoration of the war to end all wars (ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11 month in 1918). President Calvin Coolidge said a long time ago "the nation that forgets its defenders, will itself be forgotten."

We are also thankful for our forefathers who discovered this country.

Thanksgiving Day, of course, is an annual national holiday celebrating the harvest and other blessings normally of the past year. We believe that it is modeled after a 1621 harvest shared by English colonists, pilgrims of Plymouth and the Wampanoag Indians. We should all give thanks to God for our many blessings, our family, our friends, and for what we have. All Sir Knights should always be thankful for what our forebearers have given us and be thankful that God continues to provide.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Remember the Grand Conclave will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana on February 24, 25, and 26, 2022 at the Bossier City Hilton Garden Inn. More information to follow.

Always remember to put on the Armor of God, (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Onward Christian Soldiers W. James Hill, III, REGC, Grand Commandery, Louisiana "Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life"



Ascension Commandery #6 Inspection September 22, 2021



Monroe Commandery #7 October 4, 2021



Trinity Commandery #8 October 8, 2021



Malta Commandery #12, Rhodes Commandery #17 and Jerusalem Commandery #29 Inspection October 16, 2021



New Sir Knights from October 16, 2021, Order of the Temple