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Greetings Sir Knights,

As this is my first message to you, I want to take the opportunity thank you all for the of support and well wishes I received at our conclave. I will not soon forget this experience. I also want to thank Sir Knights, George Leonard Heboldsheimer IV and James Sanford Stone Sr., for their dedication, leadership and perseverance during these difficult times.

The events of the last 18 months have done everything possible to rip and shred our communities and our Fraternity. However, we are still here! We have weathered the storm and we are emerging from the other side, a little bruised and battered, but our resolve has never been more assured. The dedication we have shown to our Fraternity and each other is only exceeded by that of our dedication to our families. I applauded all of you that are still here fighting the good fight.

If I can paraphrase a quote from Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "This great fraternity will endure as it has endured, it will be revived and it will prosper". We have embarked on a new Templar year, with many challenges but also many opportunities. We have gone beyond our four walls during the pandemic to bring aid and comfort to many inside and outside our fraternity. We have embraced new technologies to include as many members as possible in meetings, and, online social gatherings. We have made great strides in inclusion and remote fellowship.

Now we are presented with the opportunity to show our fraternity what we have learned as we re-open our buildings and welcome our brethren back to in person meetings. Make no mistake things will be different. The question will be how do we employ all the new tools we have acquired during the pandemic to better engage the members of our fraternity. How to keep those members feeling included and part of our Commandery. How do we further bolster the fellowship we all have craved over the last 18 months, and how do we move forward and grow our Fraternity.

The Grand Commandery and the Grand Commandery line officers have been working diligently to create a few new programs to help us succeed. Among these are a Grand Commander's award, Officer Line Training, or a Commanders path, Protocol Training, a new inspection format, and monthly office hours with the Grand Commander. We hope these programs will help you to keep the momentum moving forward and inspire you to all think outside the box and find ways to engage not only the members of your Commandery, but the York Rite, the Fraternity and your community.

On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, We want to wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. God Bless you all,

Yours in Christ,
Sir Knight Peter A. Mooradian
IN HOC SIGNO VINCES

Prelate's Message

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving this month we may wonder "What do we have to be thankful for?" The last several years have left an indelible impact on all of us, many have lost family and friends and the world may seem much different than it was in the short span of only a few years ago. So why are we or should we be thankful? It is easy to find the bad, harder to find the good. Look around, be still, quiet your worries for a minute, think of Thanksgivings past and pray this prayer.

"For the laughter of the children, for my own life breath, for the abundance of food on this table, for the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast, for the roof over our heads, the clothes on our backs, for our health, and our wealth of blessings, for this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends, for the freedom to pray these words without fear, in any language, in any faith, in this great country, whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants. Thank you, God, for giving us all these. Amen." — Rabbi Naomi Levy

We all may not have every item mentioned in the prayer however we all have most of these things, and for that we are and should be thankful.

May the Lord bless you, your family and provide in you a thankful spirit of gratefulness that marks this season.

God Bless you
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LATE NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2021
SK Dan Pushee, KCT, EPC Jerusalem #19, Fitchburg
Receives Knight Grand Cross



A special meeting of the Grand Encampment KT, College of Honors was held on Saturday November 6, 2021 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY during the SRICF Annual Meeting Weekend.

The purpose was to present your editor, SK Dan Pushee with the Knight Grand Cross for distinguish service rendered to freemasonry.

Pictured above is SK Dan with the Grand Encampment Officers.

SK Jeff Nelson, MEGM made the presentation which was approved on August 16, 2021.

