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There is nowhere on earth that has more beautiful and colorful foliage than New England. It is the perfect setting for the end-of-the-month Holiday known as “All Hallowed’s Eve” – Halloween. Especially here in Salem. This was a very important time for the early Christian Church because they would be celebrating the Saints of the Church; those lives that had such a significant impact on their world and many of the traditions we still cling to today. That day, “All Saints Day” was given over to prayer and to doing good deeds for those less fortunate.

Today, despite the commercialism, we can still learn about the lives of those dedicated Christians who led the way for the early believers and all those who have followed. It makes for interesting and inspiring reading which I commend to you all. As Knights Templar, we also continue to have great opportunities to serve our Lord and Savior by serving others. Locally, jurisdiction-wide, and nationally, Knights Templar are at the forefront of medical research, educational support and encouraging the practice and preaching of the Christian Word. This coming Conclave will be my last as your Grand Commander. Barbara and I are forever grateful for the opportunities to serve with you, socialize with you, and represent you. We have worked hard to be worthy of your trust and support. In turn, you have made indelible impressions on our lives and we will remember with fondness our times together.

May God bless you, one and all.

Jim and Barbara

## OCTOBER MESSAGE

From the  
GRAND PRELATE

How do we create leaders? May seem a strange question here in the Grand Prelate's message but leadership in any field is essential to success. When Jesus needed disciples he went and found the best leaders with a great track record and used them. Wait, what? That isn't what happened, he definitely did not do that. So what did he do? He took those willing to follow and serve and transformed them into leaders. A tax collector, fishermen and others from walks of life that we wouldn't think of as providing leadership training. Yet they succeeded, yes they had challenges, yes they had self doubt, but in the end they succeeded and not just led but established the church. Jesus saw the potential of what each disciple could become, he trusted them to fulfill his trust and expectations. When we appoint and elect our leaders we also place our trust in them and expect they will step up to our needs. But like Jesus we must provide them with the support they need, understand that sometimes they may fail or have doubts and that our job is to guide, sustain and support them as they grow into the roles we volunteered them for.

Peace to you all  
God bless you all.  
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