



Grand Commandery of Michigan

"Together, for a Better Tomorrow"

Gary L. Paquet, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sir Knights and Ladies:

With October upon us, some familiar events must once again be taking place, inspections, banquets and Hospitaler Sunday. I say familiar as last year, none of this happened. As we slowly find our way back to events that ground us in tradition and a sense of normalcy, let us remember the main reason why these events are important, the act of being together and supporting each other to develop that ideal of brotherly love and friendship, the act of growing our community of family and friends, the act of giving, through the door marked "service." Never lose site of the foundation of what these events bring to our lives, to our mind and soul.

On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, I would like to invite you to the York Rite Banquet to honor the service of all the officers of the York Rite, in particular, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Jeffery A. Heaven, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Kenneth J. Simons, Jr. and Right Eminent Grand Commander, myself, Gary L. Paquet. It will be held at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan on Sunday, October 10, 2021. Social will begin at 3:00, dinner at 4:00 with the program to follow. Invitations can be found on our website at KT-MI.ORG. We hope you will be able to attend.



Hospitaler Sunday, one of our four observances as Knights Templars takes place this month. This single event provides us a moment to reflect on part of our core values of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and binding up the wounds of the afflicted and what it means to be a Knight Templar. Too many times our daily routines detract us from these core values. While we don't mean to, it's a reality. It always saddens me to hear a person say after someone is gone, "Oh, I meant to call them. I was planning on

stopping by to visit." I've personally experienced this and it's not a good feeling. To me Hospitaler Sunday grounds me. It reminds me of some of my responsibilities as a man to watch out for my fellow man, my brothers, and sisters. It reminds me to redouble my efforts to call the widows of our brothers who are now sitting at the right hand of God. It reminds me to help those who are ill or are less fortunate than myself. It reminds me to live up to the motto, "Not just a man, a Mason!"

September Birthdays of Grand Officers and Ladies: The happiest of birthdays to each of you!

10/1-Lady Diane Bashore
10/2-Lady Gale Mills
10/4-Lady Sharon Mengel
10/9-Lady Jennifer Groat
10/9-Sir Knight Daniel E. Stewart, DGC
10/15-Lady Christy Winslow

I humbly ask each Commandery to contact their Sir Knights. Pull together a group of Sir Knights and ladies and attend a

church service in your community. The parishioners and the paster I'm sure would be greatly appreciative. While at the service take a moment to reflect on our core values and, if possible, contribute by whatever means you can to the betterment of mankind. I promise you; it will feed your soul.

Inspections: Well, we are now in full swing. Let me say thank you to all who put forth so much time and energy to make these inspections a success. Your dedication is appreciated! There are many aspects of what an inspection is and the Grand Commandery is trying to focus our changes to better serve you and your Commandery. Given time, I believe the foundation of each Commandery will be stronger and provide for a better experience. For those Commanderies who have a Knight of Malta, remember, the Order of the Temple and the day is about him. Focus on making him feel welcome and proud to become a Knight Templar.

Until next month, take care and safe travels to wherever the journey takes you!

Sir Knight Gary L. Paquet
 Right Eminent Grand Commander
 Knights Templar of Michigan

October Inspections – For a full list of inspections and details go to KT-MI.ORG	
10/2	Joint Inspection Ypsilanti, Monroe/Ann Arbor 10:00 a.m.
10/2	10/2-Romeo Commandery-Home of the Grand Commander 3:00 p.m.
10/16	Durand 3:00 p.m.
10/23	Joint Inspection Caledonia, Niles, Peninsular, Columbia 1:30 p.m.
10/25	Genessee Valley 2:30 p.m.
10/26	Muskegon 7:00 p.m. (No Order, Regular Conclave)
10/27	Marshall 2:00 p.m.
10/30	Howell 3:00 p.m.
10/30	Lansing 9:30 a.m. (May be postponed to Spring)



From the very beginning, man has looked to the heavens and marveled at the wonders of creation. The vastness of the universe challenges our comprehension and compels us all to reflect on the Creator of it all. Indeed, in the book of Job we read: “Stand still and consider the wondrous Works of God”.

Recently, I read how the astronomers had turned the Hubble telescope to look at an “empty” part of space and much to their surprise found millions of stars never seen before in distant space. Again, we turn to the scriptures: “Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the Earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding”. This vast expanse is His domain.



So, we look to a God that is not just Creator; but is personal and intimate with His creation. We look to a God of wisdom and comfort. We look to a God of instruction, and in the majesty of the heavens, we find a sample of His glory.

“When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon, and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; what is man that Thou art mindful of him?”
 Psalm 8:3-4

Sir Knight David Dossette, PC, KYGCH
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