



Grand Commandery Knights Templar West Virginia



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Greetings Sir Knights,

We will have had two inspections by this time. I want to encourage anyone who is attending our inspections to consider wearing a mask if you are not part of the order. At the time of this writing the Delta variant is on the rise. Please be careful as we need to have our inspections so we may get back to some state of normal. We have two inspections scheduled for this month. They are at Huntington # 9 on Oct. 16 and in Parkersburg Calvary # 3 on Oct. 30. The rest are in November and one in December.

I am writing this article for the magazine near the end of August and will report that The Grand Commandery had five officers attending the Triennial meeting in Minneapolis. There were 28 pieces of legislation voted on with a few failing and others passing. Several of those were amendments to current laws such as the Educational Foundation, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, membership of the Eye Foundation Committee, allowing electronic proceedings, public appearances in uniform, virtual Grand Conclaves, virtual Conclaves, summer uniform, Short Form Opening Ritual

which stated if there are not nine or more Knights present the short form must be used, retention of rank and honors will be retained if he remains a member of a Commandery under the authority of the Grand Encampment, Past Grand Commanders will retain their rank and the wearing of a Templar Apron was approved and can only be worn in an Asylum where Knight Templar are present. Several other pieces of legislation were presented and voted upon with some passing and some failing.

The Mid Atlantic Department meeting was held in Crystal City, Va., on Sept. 25. The Dias officers were all in attendance as required. We have a new Department Commander, RE James Steele, who is from North Carolina.

Be active in your Chapter and Commandery and ask a brother to become a York Rite Mason. We need to increase our numbers as we have not been able to Knight any new members for over a year.

I want to wish everyone a happy and fun Halloween.

Please be safe in your travels and wear a mask at the inspections if you can.

Inspections in November will be Greenbrier #15, Nov. 6, 1 p.m., at 406 Washington St., Oak Hill, and Wheeling # 1, Nov. 20, 1 p.m., with a Grand Officers meeting at 10 a.m.

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