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As this article is published, another Templar year is ending. We have had the year from Hades! Most of the year we couldn't even meet face to face as Templars due to COVID-19. Thanks to numerous discussions with East Central Division Commander Gerald Pugh, we were able to work out a plan to open and perform short form Oder of the Red Cross and Order of Malta. The next month we got permission to perform modified full form openings and Order of the Temple. All the commandries did a great job of running with this. I thank them for all the new Sir Knights they have created and for turning a dismal year into a much better one. (Also, a hardy congratulations to all the newly created Sir Knights.)

The Triennial meeting in Minneapolis is over and we have a new grand master. A great thanks to Sir Knights Joe Giles, Miles Ward, Mike Yount, and Gregg Raque for attending with me and for all their help.

As our own conclave approaches, it looks as though we may be able meet face to face this year. Remember, however, that COVID-19 is again rearing it's ugly head. I would ask all Sir Knights to be careful out there, get your shots, and pray that God might lift this man-made plague from our midst.

I thank all Sir Knights for allowing me to be in the grand line for the last four years. The first 3 years were a lot of fun. The last one not so much due to COVID-19 and my stroke seems to have added an exclamation point.

As the year ends for my term and Sir Knight Joe Giles becomes REGC, I wish him the very best and stand willing to to assist him in any way I can.

I would lastly like to thank Past Grand Commanders Larry Carte, Randall Partin, Bill Riggs, and Jim King. These 4 wisemen were helpful and always gave good advice. Joe needs to remember to call on them for advice when things get rough.

Thanks again for a wild time.

Courteously,





*William J. Jackson, M.D.*

Grand Commander



Grand Commandery of Kentucky at the Grand Masters Banquet during the 68<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. L-R Mike Yount, Grand Captain General; Miles Ward, Grand Generalissimo; William J. Jackson, Grand Commander; Joseph Giles, Deputy Grand Commander; Greg Raque. Thanks to Sir Knight Joe Giles for the photo.

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<b>Grand Commandery K.T. Annual Conclave</b> Monday September 20, 2021	<b>Grand Council R. &amp; S. M. Annual Assembly</b> Tuesday September 21, 2021	<b>Grand Chapter R.A.M. Annual Convocation</b> Wednesday September 22, 2021	
<i>Commandery</i>	<b>Hospitality Room</b> 9-19-2021 Noon-4:00 p.m. And after Memorial Service	<b>Men's Lunches</b> 9-20-2021 at Noon	<b>Ladies' Luncheons</b> 9-20-2021 at Noon
<i>Council</i>	9-20-2021 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	9-21-2021 at Noon	9-21-2021 at Noon <b>BINGO !</b>
<i>Chapter</i>	9-21-2021 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. And after Banquet	9-22-2021 at Noon	9-22-2021 at Noon Mardi Gras 
<b><u>Banquets:</u></b>			
<i>Memorial Service Dinner</i>		<i>Grand York Rite of KY Banquet</i>	
<b>Dress Attire</b>		<b>Formal Attire</b>	
Sunday 9-19-2021		Tuesday 9-21-2021	
6:00 PM Dinner		6:30 PM Doors Open	
7:00 PM Memorial Service		7:00 PM Meal Served	