



**NEW JERSEY
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Fraters,

Masonry, just like any other organization, needs leaders; Masters, High Priests, etc. For our leaders we need clear and competent leaders. Leaders who understand the job at hand, plan for the job and execute their plan.

This all starts with a vision, a vision of what you want the end product to be. Where you want to steer the “ship” you will be in charge of. How can I make “my” commandery, and my time as Commander, the best it can be? What will it take to get it there?

In order to accomplish your vision, requires a plan; you cannot wing it! What will it take for me and my team to move forward toward that goal?

No one plans to fail but they do fail to plan. You need an honest evaluation of where the commandery is. What are it’s strengths? What are it’s weakness? What will it take to make it the best it can be? Covid added a setback none of us planned for. Our ritual has suffered, because we haven’t used it in so long. It is not a hopeless situation; it will take time and dedication.

Dedication is the key to saving Templary in New Jersey. We all must be dedicated to better ritual, more attention to our uniforms and a more Christian representation when our commanderies appear in public. We must look and act the part of Knights. We want our Brother masons to say with pride “Those are Knights Templar”.

No amount of planning nor all the dedication in the world is worth anything if you don’t communicate with everyone involved. Communication is the key to the success of any plan. Everyone needs to be working together towards one goal.

Templary is a team sport, and it works the best when we are all on the same team!

The sword of the spirit. Ephesians

“ and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God”
Ephesians 6:17

The swords of ancient times were short and meant for close combat; slashing and stabbing actions. Most combat in those days was up close and personal, hand to hand, and your sword was your most trusted weapon to save your life.

So, is the word of Jesus, our sword for today, in our constant battle with the dark forces of Satan. We are upon the spiritual battlefield every day and we must rely on the words of our Savior to carry us through the fight every day. We have to gird ourselves in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and let His spirit be our sword to attack every day.

Onward Christian Soldiers!!

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