



## Digital Missouri Message

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## Let's All Work Together!

### GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

#### THE FIRST 90 DAYS

By the time that this article is published we will be about one quarter of the way through the Templar year, and I wanted to share some of the activities that I have had the opportunity to participate in, along with some activities and initiatives to come.

#### Recent Events:

- June 22, 2022 - Installed the officers of Rolla Commandery No. 59
- June 23, 2022 - Represented our Grand Commandery at the Job's Daughters International State-wide meeting in Jefferson City, MO
- June 26, 2022 - Visited the York Rite Time Capsule in Branson, MO
- June 26, 2022 - Attended the International Order for Rainbow for Girls State-wide meeting in Springfield, MO
- July 17, 2022 - Represented our Grand Commandery at the Grand Master's Breakfast
- July 23, 2022 - Represented the Grand Commandery of Missouri at the State of Kansas Templar Feast in Hutchison KS - it was held in a salt mine, 650 feet below ground

#### Upcoming Events:

- York Rite Conferences - watch for scheduling in your Region
- South Central Department Conference - this year in Shreveport, LA - next year in Missouri
- Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri - note that the Grand Lodge will be held in a new location and registration is done on-line only

As we share our journey through Templary during the 2022-2023 year, you may notice a few changes from previous years. Around the time of the publication of this issue of the Digital Missouri Message, you will receive a communication concerning the 2023 Drill Competition Event. The Competition will be held in the Lodge Complex in Columbia, MO, on April 22, 2023. Yes, this year we are holding the Competition separate from the 2023 Annual Conclave. This action was taken as a direct result of your feedback from the Grand Session Hotel surveys. Sir Knights, we have heard your concerns and we are making changes.

Working in partnership with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council, we are undertaking a program of marketing research to make sure that we are utilizing the best possible vendors for goods and services. I will share more about this in the future.

The changes that are being made at the Grand Commandery of Missouri level represent the output of the good work that you do within your local Commanderies. The quality of your work makes it possible to induct new Sir Knights and, more importantly, keep them engaged and motivated. I have appointed a team of Lecturers led by Sir Knight Corey Huntsucker, Grand Lecturer, to help you with that task. This team is comprised of past Grand Commanders and ritualists that have years of experience. Please keep in mind that they will be visiting your Commanderies to help you with the ritual.

In conclusion, if the first 90 days has taught me anything, it is that we are part of a greater Masonic team. I witnessed first-hand the upcoming leaders in the Youth Organizations, and I encourage you to support them. Our Masonic Youth are our future members and leaders. Based on what I saw recently, the future looks very bright. I look forward to visiting the Commanderies throughout the State of Missouri during the next 180 days.

### **Dei Gratia - By the Grace of God!**

Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Grand Commander

### **BE PERSISTENT!**

The parable in Luke 18 encourages us to be persistent in our praying for God is not like the unjust judge described in Verse 1 - 8. God is willing and ready to bless us. But, does the parable's view of God in prayer reflect our prayers in life? Do we see God as unjust with His hand clasped tightly on the blessings that we seek or is He truly overflowing with blessings, if only we were to ask and persist in the asking? Let us seek God's blessings with hearts of faith, believing His word, and we will not be disappointed.

### **SUMMERTIME GIFTS!**

In the summer, the farmer toils long hours, and, perhaps more than the rest of us, knows the God of Summer. He is dependent on a mixture of sun and rain. He is aware of the rhythms of life, of how the seasons come and go, and how the God of Summer is bringing forth His fruits in due season. Here in the summer we all experience from the farmer's labor some of God's most gracious gifts. Tomatoes, peaches, and fresh picked corn are just a few, of the great gifts of grace from the God of Summer.