



Digital Missouri Message

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Let's All Get Back to Work!

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

I am honored by the confidence you expressed at the 161st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. I will work tirelessly to steer your Grand Commandery over the coming twelve months. My mission statement for the upcoming year is based on the book of Isaiah 6:8 (KJV), "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." I feel that this piece of scripture is indicative of the servant-based leadership that is necessary to tackle the needs of the present.

In the near term, I am working with the Grand York Rite Office to aggregate the feedback from the Hotel Survey that was provided during the 2022 Grand Session regarding our member's experiences in the Capital Plaza Hotel. To be transparent, we have received significant concerns from our membership that will require consideration to make sure that we are looking out for the health and welfare of our members.

The concerns expressed by our membership have motivated me to hold the 2023 Drill Competition Event at the Lodge facilities in Columbia several months in advance of the 2023 Annual Conclave. I expect to have a communication concerning the 2023 Drill Competition Event out during the first part of July. This change has no impact on the venue for the 2023 Annual Conclave.

I am happy to report that due to the efforts of Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr., the Junior Past Grand Commander, we have been without COVID-19 meeting restrictions for six months. It is now time to begin to reclaim our in person meetings and get back to the work. The efforts of the Grand Chapter during 2021 and 2022 has generated a lot of new potential Commandery members. New members join the Commandery to receive the Orders and participate in our meetings. The quality of the Orders will play a large part in encouraging them to become active members of our Commanderies. I am working with my Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturers, and the Regional Grand Commanders to determine the needs of our Missouri Commanderies so that we can apply the correct help to those who need it. When I visit your Commandery, please don't hesitate to put me to work in a chair.

In conclusion, the motto for my year is the Latin phrase Dei Gratia which translates to "By the grace of God." It is based on the statements of St. Paul found in 1 Corinthians 15: 8-10 (NIV), "... and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."

This is the context under which I serve you, Sir Knights. As long as the grace of God provides me with the opportunity to serve, I will dedicate my efforts to that goal. I look forward to meeting with each one of you during my visits to your Commanderies. I also welcome your feedback regarding how we can shape your Grand Commandery to better meet the needs of the future.

Dei Gratia - By the Grace of God!

Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Grand Commander

2022 GRAND COMMANDERY DRILL COMPETITION

Class B Rankings:

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| First - Ely 22.....(97.3) | Fourth - Rolla 59.....(85.8) |
| Second - St. Graal 12.....(94.6) | Fifth - Ascalon 16(82.0) |
| Third - Liberty 6(92.8) | |

In addition, Palestine 17 demonstrated the Class A drill tactics in exemplary form.

2021 - 2022 HONOR COMMANDERY AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the Commanderies that received the Honor Commandery Award in June. These Commanders, their officers, and their members are doing what every Missouri Commandery should be doing.

For 2021-2022: Ivanhoe 8, SK Jacob William Thompson, Commander; Kansas City 10, SK Christian Dale Moore, Commander; Ascalon 16, SK James R. Fiete, Commander; St. John's 20, SK Bryan Michael Wimmer, Commander; Ely 22, SK Ashley William Young, Commander; Oriental 35, SK Daniel Robert Symes, Commander; and St. Elmo 43, SK Randy Wayne Presley, Commander.

2021 - 2022 LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the Sir Knights who received the Lewis and Clark Award in June.

Region 1, SK Richard Lee Mansfield, Ely 22; Region 2, SK Emmett Johnston Bryson, Hugh De Payens 4; Region 3, SK Christian Dane Moore, Kansas City 10; Region 4, SK Steven Francis Eberharter, Rolla 59; Region 5, SK Adam M. Iwanow, Ivanhoe 8; Region 6, SK Charles J. Ortiz, Jr., Cape Girardeau 55; and Region 7, SK Gregory James Walker, St. John's 20