

Knights Templar Magazine June 2022 Supplement Grand Commandery of Maryland

Well the Official date of the summer is not until the summer Solstice on June 21. However the start of summer for most of us is Memorial Day weekend. So Ready, Set – GO!

Yesterday, members of the Grand Line of Maryland joined other Sir Knights and our hosts – door To Virtue Lodge and Carroll Commandery #17 for a pleasant walk in the Sun. We even had a couple of our Sir Knights attend in Medieval Garb. The weather settled down and the rain stopped, but I can tell you by the end of the walk, we were soaked from the lovely clear skies and warm woolen suits. The folks of Westminster were wonderful and plentiful. We were greeted with many groups and individuals applauding and talking to us along our path. The Westminster Parade has the claim to fame to be the ‘oldest running continual Memorial Day Parade’ in the United States. We were quite honored to be included in the hundreds of local participants including bands, children’s groups, Church groups, Scouts and local Fire and Police as well as Veteran’s organizations.

Summer does not mean however that we are not remaining active. There are plenty of York Rite degrees and Grand Commandery Orders coming up in the next couple of months. Montgomery Commandery #13 will be conferring the Order of Red Cross and Malta Orders on Wednesday June 8 at our home at Pentalpha Lodge in Germantown.

Monumental Commandery will follow suit with Red Cross and Malta Orders on Monday June 20th in the Gothic Room in Cockeysville.

Jacques DeMolay will be conferring the OOT on Thursday July 7 at their home- Columbia Lodge #58 in Frederick.

Those of your membership that need the Council degrees prior to the Orders can be welcomed by attending the Royal and Select Master degrees of the Cryptic Council on Saturday June 18th, in the morning followed by the Super Excellent Master degree for everyone in the afternoon. The Super Excellent Master degree is only conferred every two to three years so if you or others have missed it. It’s a great time to catch up.

In May we held our Semi Annual Grand Conclave. We had a number of items to go over, and you will soon find a full copy of the proceedings located on the website / yorkritemaryland.org Look under Grand Recorders page.

While we are on the Grand Recorder, it was announced at that meeting that our Grand Recorder Kris Brown has had a series of physical setbacks. He is currently recovering and we ask for prayers for a full and rapid recovery for our Cherished Companion and Sir Knight Kris.

In his stead, we now have the help of Sir Knight Vernon Huebschman acting as Assistant Grand Recorder. Vernon has jumped right into the spot, and while he has much to catch up on, is

doing a very capable and enlightened job. If you have any needs, you can contact Vernon on the website or you may contact me, and I will give you his direct contact. Please include Kris and myself with any questions or offerings for the Grand Commandery. I can be reached @ 301-674-2075 [/regcmaryland2022@gmail.com](mailto:regcmaryland2022@gmail.com)

An announcement was made at the Semi annual that Maryland Knights Templary has joined 14 other States as 100% Life Sponsors with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Congratulations to KTEF State Chairman and Eminent Grand Generalissimo Elect Gary Kennedy along with PEC George Christoff and EC Bob Candler. Along with their Commanderies- Jacques DeMolay #4, Monumental Crusade #3 and Beaseant #8, contributions were made to see to it that all members of Knights Templar in Maryland are paid up Life Sponsors. This has long been a goal of ours since Spyridon Treklas was Grand Commander several years ago. The contribution was made on behalf of all members that had not yet been able to sign up. The course of action now is to make this sustainable by each Commandery making a commitment to keep the status by managing to have each New Knights Templar become a life Sponsor. It will be up to the Constituent Commanderies to determine the method of this action, either by having the individual or the Commandery make the contribution to keep this sustained. As we travel the State this will be a topic of discussion and education for those of you that have not kept up with the ongoing effort. Again, thank you, and congratulations to those men responsible for guiding this effort.

Have a safe and Happy Summer as you each prepare to enjoy your travels and relaxation in your own fashion.

John H. Austin, REGC

