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Grand Commandery of Delaware



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The time has come to write my final insert. I hope that all the Delaware Sir Knights are well and that you and your families are well and safe. The present pandemic seems to be again ebbing downward and we can meet and enjoy fellowship. I hope this trend continues as increasingly of our members receive their vaccination or have received their booster.

Our York Rite sessions will be held March 10 to 12 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Please refer to the Delaware York Rite website for registration information. I know that we conflict with a Grand Encampment Meeting, but it is my hope that our Delaware Sir Knights will come and join us to learn how your Grand Commandery functions. Also, your new Grand Commander would appreciate your support.

This year has gone by quickly and many things have been accomplished. Each of our three commanderies have made improvement in the way they communicate with their members. They have updated their membership information and strived to move into more of a telecommunication method of informing members of their activities.

The Grand Commander was proud to award a college scholarship this year. I must thank the educational committee for an excellent job. Also, the three Commanders for organizing the distribution and collection of the application forms. It is my hope that the Grand Commandery will continue awarding a scholarship to a worthy student and I looking forward to expanding the program to more than one student.

I was able to represent our state at the Triennial of the Grand Encampment this year. Since this event only occurs every three years it was important that our state be represented. It is always interesting to see how an organization functions especially one that all commanderies hold allegiance to. Also, it was wonderful to meet other Knights from all over the world.

We had a wonderful Christmas observance this year. The event was open to Sir Knights and their families. The homily was given by Past Grand Commander James Harrington and was well received. We shared fellowship and a variety of different refreshments at the end of the observance.

Our commanderies are presently two thirds through the conferral of our three Templar Orders. St. Andrews Commandery conferred the Order of the Red Cross and Trinity Commandery conferred the Order of Malta. I was very pleased with the each of the degree teams. They have performed their parts well and I believe left a lasting impression on our candidates.

I am concerned about the attendance at our regular commandery meetings. When I review the membership list of each commandery, I see each commandery has numerous members however,

when I attend their meetings there are few members present. We must address this concern in the coming months by communication, program development and personal contact with our members.

I would like to conclude with my sincere appreciation to all those who have supported and assisted me these past two years. Thank you to my Grand Line staff for attending many of my visitations and my many committee members that served faithfully for the past two terms. Finally, to all those who were willing to give me good advice and answer my many questions, words cannot express my gratitude.

Randy Mullen
Grand Commander

Please remember our charities and support them with your contributions. The Grand Commandery has a fund set aside to provide for an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land for ordained ministers. Your donation will help to fund this worthwhile program in the future. Donations can be made out to the Grand Commandery of Delaware and noting that it is for the Holy Land Pilgrimage and sent to the Grand Recorder.

Also, for those Sir Knights who are not already Life Members of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, a contribution of \$30 will allow you to become one. Donations can be made through your local Commandery Recorder.