

## GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR LOUISIANA



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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings all Valiant Sir Knights of the Temple:

The state of Louisiana 2022 Grand York Rite Conclave, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery was conducted on 24 - 27 February 2022. After not convening in person for 2 years, it was great to convene in person and have everybody participate in the different meetings, degrees, luncheons, and social events. Grand Commandery was in charge of the overall functions, and I hope everyone enjoyed it. It was a pleasure for me to plan and execute the Grand Conclave.

By the time this article finds everyone, I will be a past Grand Commander. It has been my distant pleasure, and honor, to humbly serve the Knights Templars of the great state of Louisiana as your Right Eminent Grand Commander for 2021 - 2022. My visits across the state to all of the Commanderies on almost 2 occasions for each, have been very enlightening, rewarding, and very enjoyable.

I am very proud of all of the Sir Knights of the state of Louisiana and hope that I was able to instill some direction and a renewed spark of dedication to Templary in each and every one of you. Each Constituent Commandery is unique, and each has a significant role to play concerning Knight Templary in the state. Remember always to have fun at your meetings. Support greatly the Knight Templar Eye Foundation as one of the best charities of all of the Masonic bodies for the work that it does.

I ask that you give the same courtesies and respect that you all showed to me as the Grand Commander to my successor.

Always remember to put on the Armor of God, (Ephesians 6:10-18).



Onward Christian Soldiers W. James Hill, III, REGC, Grand Commandery, Louisiana "Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life"



2021 Officers of Grand Commandery of Louisiana – First row, left to right: Kenneth Bell, GCG; Robert Loflin, RESCDC; Jim Hill, REGC; Michael Johnson, MEGM; Charles Bertrand, VEDGC; John Sharlow, Grand Generalissimo; Back left row: Allan Bean, GR; Brad Williams, GJW; Michael Watts, GSW; John Knox, Grand Treasurer



Jim Hill with his Division Area Commanders: Left to right: Tom Kussmann, Al Simms, Ken Dorhauer



Allan Bean receiving the KTCH Award at 2022 Grand Conclave



Jim Hill receiving Past Commander Award from MEGM Michael Johnson



Jim Hill at 2022 Grand Conclave with his wife, Wonder Woman Sandi Hill