

Grand Commandery of New York

March News



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FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Christian Greetings Sir Knights,

March is a month in New York State that can bring weather clothed as a lion or a lamb. It can be both on the same day from one end of the Empire State to the other. In some cases, the dramatic differences can be a few short miles apart.

Such is our lives today with many of the other aspects of it we need to encounter. We appear to be heading to a more favorable climate in our daily activities. Our Faith and Fortitude has restored the desire to again meet and do regular work. The deep and lasting scars we bear from the loss of many dear and knowledgeable members these last two years will take time and devotion to heal. New York's Masonic Concordant Bodies Committee, with support from Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard J. Kessler, has been convening regularly to streamline and unite our efforts to rebuild our fraternities and share resources. Adapting to new conditions, taking advantage of new technologies, recognizing the needs and interests of our newer members and potential candidates will be key to our success.

The values and tenants of our organizations will forever remain and continue to be the foundation for our "buildings", but the appearance of the same is what provides the inquisitive investigation into a journey like no other. By strengthening our ties and resources we can provide that individual experience that he may desire. Communication and action will define our future. It's not about which Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery or Valley he joins—what's most important is that he has an opportunity to join one and enlighten his mind and enrich his life.

Courteously with Brotherly Love,
SK Dennis S. Davis, R.E.G.C.

Upcoming Events

Grand Chapter, March 3-5, Delta Hotel, Utica, NY
Columbian Commandery No. 1 Inspection, March 10, NYC, NY
Norwich Commandery No. 46 Inspection, March 10, Oxford, NY
Otsego Commandery No. 76 Inspection, March 11, Cooperstown, NY
Capital City Commandery No. 2 Inspection, March 18, Albany, NY
Zone #4 Pilgrimage, March 19, 2022, St. George's Commandery No. 37, Scotia, NY

(Details can be found on the Grand Commandery website)

Grand Prelate's Corner

There is a piece of poetry I wish to share with you this month.

***"God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any,
That brought me salvation free lasting to eternity! There is nothing
worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure! Open-eyed my grave
is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure. Though my flesh awaits its
raising, still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!"***

As Christian Knights and servants of the Lord we are reminded that we all are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. These three aspects of the Trinity are the names that we become anchored in as we begin our life post-baptism. This is the new anchor for our identity.

So, who are we being anchored in? We are anchored in the Father, our Creator, who knows us intimately. We are his idea, and He created each and every one of us and gave us life. We are adopted as his own children. His love changes the way we see ourselves and the people in our lives. We are anchored in the Son.

It's our faith in Christ Jesus, the Son of God that gives us direct relationship with God, the Father. We are cloaked in the perfect, blameless, sinless life of Jesus. When God sees us, He sees us through Jesus. It is the blood of Jesus that forgives and dissolves all of our past, present and future sins. In Jesus, we stand faultless and righteous before God and included in his family. We are anchored in the Holy Spirit. Once we are immersed in the Holy Spirit, we are no longer weak but strong. The Holy Spirit is the breath of God who gives us power to follow God's direction for our lives. His Spirit is the fountain we can draw from to be refreshed and sustained.

When we are baptized, we are immersed in the power of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live a God-filled life and to do all that He asks. Let us each be anchored in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. His love, grace and wisdom will guide us through any storm life throws at us. Our souls will not be shaken and even from the grave we can know—"I am a child of Paradise."

