

Grand Commandery of New York

May News



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FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Christian Greetings Sir Knights,

May brings with it the reality that summer is knocking at the door and we have boat loads of work to complete prior to our summer break. We are racing against time to confer Orders and degrees, hold elections, installations and picnics or dinners. This is a great time to honor our Ladies and widows.

Attendance remains a challenge. How do we entice those valiant Knights, who were always present in the past, to return to the asylum. In the words of Dylan Thomas, we must “rage, rage against the dying of the Light”. We need to let those Brother Knights know they are missed and we must assist them in their return. Picture the two knights on horseback—if we endeavor to bring a knight with us, we double our numbers.

The festive atmosphere, the joyful smiles and conversations I have experienced during the East Coast Easter Sunrise Observance in Washington and the Northeast Department Annual Conclaves during April has made all the travel worth it. Breaking bread with our Brothers and Ladies will revive your Faith in humanity, will inspire Hope for our future and reason for our efforts in Charity. Make the extra effort to visit your sister Commanderies for their inspection, be accorded the honors of a visitor and show a message of support to the new Sir Knights that have just joined our ranks. Deep down, we desire to do all that may become necessary for our men—support for our Brothers is a trait we cannot ignore.

There is a beautiful world out there that is beckoning our participation. Be safe, courteous, and courageous.

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

Upcoming Events

Morton Commandery No. 4 Inspection May 4, New York, NY

Washington Commandery No. 33 & Calvary Commandery No. 69 Inspection
May 5, NY

Watertown Commandery No. 11 & Lake Ontario Commandery No. 32 Inspection May 5, Dexter, NY

Trinity Commandery No. 68 Inspection May 10, Astoria, NY

Dunkirk No. 40 Inspection May 12, Dunkirk, NY

Hugh de Payens/Tancred No. 30 Inspection May 16, NY

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 Inspection May 21, Phelps, NY

Rome No. 45 Inspection May 24, Vernon, NY

Bay Ridge No. 79 Inspection May 24, New York, NY

Grand Prelate's Corner

“It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. “It was by faith that Abraham left Ur to follow God to eventually form a new nation in a foreign land.” (Hebrews 11, a chapter on faith).

Faith is obedience when you don't understand it. In just the New Testament alone, there are 1,050 commands, and they're all there for your benefit. God says things like, “Love your enemies” and “Forgive the people who hurt you.” That's not easy. There are a lot of commands in the Bible that seem difficult, unreasonable, unrealistic, unachievable, or even impossible. Every time God tells you to do something, it's a test of your faith. The question is this: Do you trust God, or do you trust your gut. Do you trust the Word, or do you trust the world.

During this season of Easter—these are important questions to ask. How will we answer them? Will we trust God, or will we do what we think we should do, regardless of God's direction. Will we trust the Word of God, or will we trust what the world says we should do. As a kid, did your parents ever ask you to do something that seemed unreasonable. When you asked them, “Why should I do this” they would say, “Because I said so”. Looking back at some of the things your parents told you to do “because they said so,” was it the right thing. Yes. Can you see in hindsight now how they were wise.

God will say the same thing the rest of your life, not just when you're a kid. When you're 70, 80, 90 years old, God is going to be saying, “I want you to do this.” And you're going to say, “Why, that doesn't make sense.” And God will say, “Because I said so.” It is a test. Faith is believing when you don't see it, but it's also obeying when you don't understand it. If you do not learn to obey, you'll miss so many blessings in life that God has in store for you—but if you learn to do what God tells you to do without question, even when it seems absurd and the exact opposite of your natural tendency, then you're going to grow in faith, and you're going to get blessed. Let's make responding in faith our focus for this Easter season. (*Resource Daily Hope with Rick Warren*)

