

# Grand Commandery of New York

## November News



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### Faith

Greetings Sir Knights;

As the cold weather starts to set in for the fall/winter season, our thoughts always go to Thanksgiving Dinner with family and friends. We should realize or become aware on how truly blessed we are as Americans, Freemasons and especially as Knights Templar.

In early October, I was fortunate to travel along with the rest of the Grand Line of Grand Commandery to Cooperstown for Otsego Commandery No.76 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. It was an inspirational time spent there for both their Commandery and Grand Commandery. Remember Grand Commandery exists to serve the Commanderies and Knights of New York State. History plays a big part in our Grand Commandery. It was a good time for us all.

I will repeat the opening theme for the year—"Faith". "God's word says that we are saved by grace through Faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works." Ephesian 2:8-9. We are not saved by good works, but we are saved for good works. Those different prepositions make all the difference in the world. Good Works are evidence of salvation, not the cause of it. If there are no works or change of life to follow salvation, then it should be questioned whether the person or knight is truly saved.

What are the good works of our Grand Commandery and our Constituent Commanderies? There are many:

***November's Good Works for a Knight Templar and his Constituent Commandery is taken out of General Order 1 -Care-" As Knights Templar we are bound to give to poor and weary pilgrims, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted."***

We need to take better care of our Sir Knights and their families by sending get well or sympathy cards and/or a personal phone call. That is the least we can do and we can and should do more. As Thanksgiving comes around this year, it should be a reminder to care for our fellow man—not only during Thanksgiving, but throughout the year. Get together with other Masonic groups and make a difference now and forever.

***“It’s not something we do-it’s something we are”***

### *Upcoming Events*

Zone 8 Pilgrimage (all 3 Orders) is scheduled for November 5, 2022, Palmyra, NY.  
(Details can be found on the Grand Commandery website <https://nygckt.org/> and on Facebook -Official Grand Commandery of New York-Knights Templar)

Courteously and with Faith,  
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### **Grand Prelate’s Corner**

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Grace is defined as undeserved acceptance and love received from another. It is the undeserved favor given from one to another. Grace refers to the good, beneficial gift given by the giver to its recipient. It is a word that is truly as deep as it is wide. When discussing the topic of grace, it is essential that the conversation begin with God. Grace begins – and ends – with God. Grace is who God is and what He does. We can never fully understand the goodness and scope of God’s grace—the depth and richness of His grace. A grace-filled me. A grace-filled person is someone who is so full of God's love that they stop before they react out of anger to assess the situation and see if the person or situation is one that needs grace more than it needs anger.

What does GRACE really mean. Some dictionary definitions include: “unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification; a virtue coming from God; sanctification

enjoyed through divine assistance; disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy, or clemency; a special favor; a charming or attractive trait or characteristic.”

When we talk about a person who is “graceful,” we are usually talking more about their physical attributes than their character, but what about people who are full of grace. How do you describe that person. A person who displays grace is the person that understands and recognizes God’s grace in their life. Grace-full is a person who is not judgmental, who knows that we all need acceptance and understanding, and who extends love and kindness when we mess up. A grace-full person is a grace-filled person.