



Digital Missouri Message

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Lot's of Stuff Goin' On!

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

2022 has been a very busy year so far. I would like to provide the following updates regarding the activities that are in the works.

2023 Drill Competition Event

- The 2023 Drill Competition Event will be held on April 22, 2023 at the Masonic Complex in Columbia, MO. Please submit your registration no later than November 30, 2022, to Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson. (email to hansonr@missouri.edu, or US mail to 107 S Williams St, Fayette, MO, 65248-1017).
- Substitution penalties have been waived. Please don't hesitate to recruit Sir Knights from other Commanderies to supplement your team. The start time will be announced once the number of Drill teams has been established. Thank you for being patient with us as we try new things to better meet your needs.

Grand Treasurer

Our Grand Treasurer has decided not to stand for re-election during the 2023 Annual Conclave. The Grand Commandery officers are working hard to ensure business continuity is maintained and business processes are documented for a successful transition. I have appointed Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson as Assistant Grand Treasurer for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Missouri to assist with process documentation and business transition planning. Additional updates will be forthcoming. I can not overstate how grateful I am for the 25 years of service that our Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Donald L Trabue, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, has dedicated to supporting our Fraternity.

The Cost of Admission Misunderstanding

- It has been brought to my attention that many Masons are of the impression that a prospective member will be required to spend nearly a thousand dollars on a full Missouri Uniform (shirt, pants, tie, socks, shoes, swords, chapeau, and jewelry) in order to join our Order. I would like to ask for your assistance, Sir Knights, with dispelling this misunderstanding. It is not a requirement to purchase a full Missouri Uniform in order to become a member of the Knights Templar. Please let your fellow Masons know that it is generally expected that they dress presentably. Everyone should be able to afford the basic \$50 starter uniform consisting of black pants, white shirt, black tie, black socks, and black

shoes. If a Sir Knight wants to put together a full Missouri Uniform, then I strongly recommend consulting the Missouri Uniform Regulations that can be found on the Documents page of the Grand York Rite web site (www.moyorkrite.org).

York Rite Conferences

- I have attended York Rite Conferences around the State and I am very pleased with the content and participation. It is very good to witness the Chapter, Council, and Commandery working together to better our Craft. These conferences have been well attended and I would like to reaffirm that they are for all members of the York Rite (not just the officers).

Grand Lecturers

- Stay tuned for guidance from our team of Grand Lecturers. They have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure you have the tools that can assist you with opening your Commanderies in due and proper form.

Dei Gratia - By the Grace of God!

Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Grand Commander

MEET THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is the tenth month of the year in both the Julian and the Gregorian Calendars. It is one of seven months that are 31 days long. It was the eighth month in the old Roman calendar. October retained its name after January and February were inserted into the calendar originally created by the Romans.

October is commonly associated with the season of Autumn in the Northern hemisphere and Spring in the Southern. It is the seasonal equivalent to April in the Northern hemisphere. October is also commonly associated with Halloween (All Hallows Eve) in the Western world.

A BRIEF HAPPY MESSAGE

Smile at your wife. Smile at your husband. Smile at your children. Smile at each other – it doesn't matter who it is – just share a smile. And that simple act will help you to grow in greater love for each other.

BE PERSISTENT!

The parable in Luke 18 encourages us to be persistent in our praying. God is willing and ready to bless us. Let us seek God's blessings with hearts of faith, believing His word, and we will not be disappointed.