



# Grand Commandery Knights Templar Oregon



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*Greetings, Sir Knights!*

The summer is over and we are returning to work. Our Father in Heaven has blessed us with warm days and relief from the wind and rain. The holidays are fast approaching and we will soon enjoy festivities with our families.

September is also when many of our Lodges and Commanderies return to the work of supporting their social and philanthropic endeavors and creating new Masons and new Knights Templar. I want to thank the Knights who attended the conferral of the Orders of Christian Knighthood on 15 new Knights on August 13 and to Columbia Commandery #26 for sponsoring the event.

From what I have heard, DeMolay Commandery #5 will be conferring the Full Ceremonial of the Illustrious Order of the

Red Cross at the Salem Valley Scottish Rite Center on September 26. I request they be given all the help they need. If your Commandery has a qualified candidate, consider sending a request for courtesy work.



The warm days continue through September. The summer uniform is authorized to be worn in lieu of the regulation uniform through the end of September. Stay cool.

On October 14th and 15th, the Northwestern Department Conference will be held in Boise, ID. All Knights Templar are welcome to attend and Eminent Commanders and Generalissimos are encouraged to attend. Much information relevant to the operation of your Commanderies and your Grand Commandery will be presented there. You can register online for the conference at <https://www.nwyr.org/>.

In conjunction with the Northwest Conference, there will be a class in the John Palmer High Potential Leadership Course. This is a three-year professional program to educate the future leaders of the fraternity. The first year covers general leadership concepts such as how to recognize and manage different types of people. The second year applies knowledge gained in the first year to the context of Masonic organizations. The third year is a requirement to attend a Regional Conference to graduate. More information on the leadership course can be found at <https://www.yorkriteleadership.org> and any potential leader may sign up for this wonderful educational program. Please recommend it to the movers and shakers in your Lodges. Recommend it to the Senior Deacons of your Lodges, the Captains of the Host of your Chapters, the Captains of the Guard of your Councils, and the Senior Wardens of your Commanderies.

I am looking forward to conversing with many of you as I continue my travels around the State of Oregon. Let us continue our combined efforts to bring refined and moral chivalry to a world which sorely needs it. God bless you all, Sir Knights, and may you all glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

**In hoc signo vinces.**

Courteously submitted,

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Grand Commander

of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, KT