

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan
Daniel E. Stewart, Right Eminent Grand Commander



February 2023

Sir Knights,

Every month has a connection in all of our lives, and February is a special one for me. My mother and my first niece were born in this month, and the influence of women in life was strengthened. Without my mother, I would not be here. With the birth of my first niece, I recognized a passing to the next generation within my own family. Mothers will receive a special month in May, but I will recognize my own as much as I am able to.



Monthly Mentor Reflection "Founding Father Figures"

We all know that the month of February is a time that we recognize the Presidents on the United States on Presidents Day and recognize George Washington as a Founding Father of the United States as well as Freemasonry. With this in mind, I would like you to think about who founded your individual Commanderies. Who signed the original Charter? Who were the first officers? What impact did they have on your local communities?

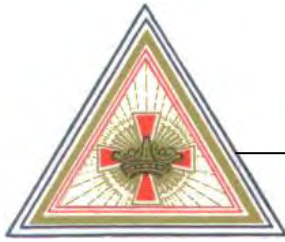


Special Project Announcements "Sound Assembly"

This section will remain mostly the same each month as they are very important to me.

1. Music: Do you play a brass instrument? We are forming a Grand Commandery Brass Band, and we need your help. At a minimum, we will be playing for the Divine Service at the 167th Annual Conclave, so there is time to practice. Email me directly if you are interested.
2. Education: Interested in becoming a Templar scholar or start writing on Templar topics? The Grand Encampment has a program available for you. Information and link to the portal can be found at www.knightstemplar.org/122520course.htm. Assistance at the state level is available if needed via Brandon Mullins or Chris Potts. New Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program launched on December 1, 2022
3. Drill Exhibition: Drilling at the 167th Conclave is confirmed, and you can feel the excitement in the air. More details will be coming soon, so get your teams ready.





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February 2023 Upcoming Events

For those travelling around the state this month, here are activities you can participate in:

- February 3-5 DeMolay Winterfest – Detroit
- February 11 Valley of Michigan SW Region Mini Reunion/George Washington Festive Board - South Haven
- February 18 George Washington Birthday Celebration – Marysville
- February 20 Peninsular Commandery Inspection – Paw Paw
- February 25 50th Annual Tri-State York Rite Festival (Chapter/Council) – Jackson
- February 25 Grand Bethel Exemplification honoring “Men of Masonry” – St Clair Shores

Looking Ahead for Tri-State

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to help membership increase, but also to support our Commanderies wants to see activity continue. The Sir Knights in Battle Creek have contacted my and wanted to try to host an All-Order Day as in years past. With this year being the 50th year, I thought it would be a great chance to present Battle Creek as a location for future Tri-State events. The Commandery Orders this year are taking place on March 4 in Bryon, Ohio. I will be inviting Grand Officers from Chapter, Council, and Commandery from all three states to attend in Battle Creek on Saturday March 18. This will not only be a way to showcase the Battle Creek Temple, but also another opportunity for Companions to receive the Commandery Orders if they were not able to attend two weeks prior.

Yours in Templary,

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