



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia

February 2023

Greetings Sir Knights:

This has been a year that we should remember. Apparently the COVID virus has had a positive effect. Speaking for myself, it seems as though the amount of degree work in both the Lodge and Chapter has increased since the virus scare. Now it appears that the same effect will occur elsewhere.

In looking to the future, we need to prepare ourselves for an influx of petitions. Along that line, I am pleased to inform everyone that there will be Schools of Instruction conducted this spring. The schools will be in Weston, Keyser, and Oak Hill. The primary objective is to establish consistency with tactics. The schools will be conducted by the Grand Inspector General and his Assistants. More information will be forthcoming. We need to begin preparation for the Divisional Inspections that will be conducted this fall. There will be nothing wrong should a Sir Knight decide to attend more than one School of Instruction.

There will be a Grand Officers' meeting on February 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at Weston. Various topics will be discussed including the restructuring of the Grand Commandery Divisions, what can be done to create more public exposure, and more.

The Easter season will be upon us very soon. Each Commandery should consider conducting or participating in an Easter service that will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Remember that as Knights Templar, we have a purpose and objectives to accomplish.

Shortly after Easter it will be time for the 149th Grand Conclave. General Order No. 2 has been distributed and provides necessary information. It is necessary that each Commandery is represented as required.

This year is quickly coming to an end, and I am looking forward to the future. We can achieve our objectives and goals by taking one step at a time. A little step now, another tomorrow, and more next week, and we will make major progress in accomplishing our goals.

I am confident that we, as Sir Knights, will accomplish our goals and achievements, and we will be able to reflect on our past actions and say, "Well done!"

Take care and may God be with you.

Respectfully,

Richard M. Roy, REGC

*** TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ***

149TH GRAND CONCLAVE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VIRGINIA

MAY 18-20, 2023

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

11:00am ~ 4:00pm	Registration	Days Inn Conference Center
12:00pm ~ 1:00pm	Committee Meetings	Days Inn Conference Center
	<i>Education Committee</i>	
	<i>Finance Committee</i>	
	<i>Investment Committee</i>	
	<i>Jurisprudence Committee</i>	
1:00pm ~ 3:00pm	Grand Officers Meeting	Days Inn Conference Center
5:00pm ~ 6:00pm	Hospitality Room open	
7:00pm ~ 8:30pm	Divine Service *	

** Sir Knights: Uniform w/o sword / Ladies: Church attire*

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

7:00am ~ 8:00am	Past Grand Commanders & REGC Breakfast	
7:00am ~ 8:00am	Past Grand Commanders Ladies Breakfast	
8:00am ~ 2:00pm	Registration	Days Inn Conference Center
10:00am	Informal Opening	Conference Center Theater
11:00am	Formal Opening	
12:00pm	Men's & Ladies Luncheons (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	
1:00pm ~ 3:00pm	Resume Business	Conference Center Theater
3:00pm ~ 4:00pm	Election of Officers	
5:00pm ~ 6:00pm	Reception (<i>Cash Bar</i>)	Conference Center Lobby
6:30pm	Grand Banquet* & Presentations (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	
	<i>* Sir Knights: Uniform w/o sword & chapeau</i>	
8:30pm ~ 11:00pm	Hospitality Room open	

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

7:00am ~ 8:00am	Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast w/ Ladies invited *	
	<i>* Complimentary with room registration</i>	
9:00am ~ 10:00am	Resume Business	Conference Center Theater
	Presentation of Knightings Award	
	Presentation of Crusader's Sword	
10:00am	Open Installation of Officers for 2023-2024 *	
	<i>* All Ladies, Family Members, and Friends invited</i>	

*** REGISTRATION FORM ***

149TH GRAND CONCLAVE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VIRGINIA

NAME _____ TITLE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-mail _____

COMMANDERY NAME & NO. _____

Will your Lady be accompanying you? No ___ Yes ___ Her name _____

Are you representing your Commandery? No ___ Yes ___ If yes, check your office below:

Commander _____ Deputy Commander _____ Generalissimo _____ Captain General _____

Proxy (signed & sealed) for _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE DAYS INN & SUITES AT FLATWOODS BY CALLING 1-866-700-7284. INDICATE THAT YOU ARE WITH THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF WV. THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS IS MAY 1, 2023.

MEAL TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE LUNCHEONS AND THE GRAND BANQUET. THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS IS MAY 1, 2023.

Will you be attending the Divine Service on Thursday, May 18th? Yes ___ No ___

MEN'S LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, MAY 19th: # _____ @ \$27.50 = \$ _____

LADIES LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, MAY 19th: # _____ @ \$27.50 = \$ _____

GRAND BANQUET, FRIDAY, MAY 19th: # _____ @ \$45.00 = \$ _____

Entree Choices: Grilled Chicken _____ Roast Beef _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR ALL MEALS: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MT. HOPE COMMANDERY #22 AND WRITE 'GRAND CONCLAVE' ON THE NOTATION LINE.

**MAIL TO: Sir Knight Kenneth Messer
142 Maple Street
Scarbrow, WV25917**

If you are eligible for mileage, do you wish to donate it to the Holy Land Pilgrimage?

No ___ Yes ___ Your Name & Commandery _____