

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan

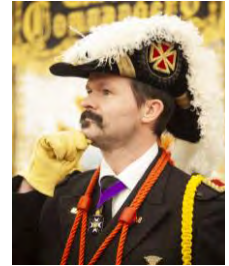
Daniel E. Stewart, Right Eminent Grand Commander



June 2023

Sir Knights,

The summer has hit like a freight train and brought the heat along with it. Be mindful of your health over the next few months and stay hydrated and inside if needed. Please let me know of any events and parades that are happening that can be included in the monthly newsletters.



### Grand Commander's Pin Explanation

For those that have not been able to see my pin, or have not received one yet, I will include the meaning behind my theme and pin design. Below is the artist's rendition (John Bridegroom of TheMasterCraft.net) to show detail.



My theme of "Mentors and Father Figures" is a reminder to think of those that have brought us this far in our Masonic journey, but also to remember that we can instill knowledge to others as they do the same. Mentorship is a two-way street. I was installed as Grand Commandery in 2022, and my father passed away in 1982. That is 40 years, and can also be considered a lifetime of a Master Mason. My pin is a two-part design: the backplate has my theme, name, and year of office; the front piece the logo of the Grand Commandery of Michigan that was digitized by SK Brandon Mullins, PC OC who is the chair of my Committee on Templar Education. The pin goes through the backplate offset from center to remind us that we are not perfect. Finally, when my year as Grand Commander is complete, the backplate can be removed and the front logo remains intact with the pin back. This has an emblematic meaning that if we do a good enough job as mentors, and we pass on and are removed from the rolls.... the organization will still stand strong.

### Monthly Mentor Reflection "Sons of our Fathers"

Father's Day is coming up on June 18th, and holds a special place in my heart. Not only do I get to recognize my stepfather who has been around since I was in high school, and remember that I am a father to my daughter Madison, but I get to close my eyes and think of the times that I spent with my father before his passing in 1982. He is the reason for my theme. I am his son, and he will always be my father. I want all Sir Knights of Michigan to take time out during this month and think of your father, and how his actions helped mold you into the man you are today.

## 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](http://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.



Grand Commandery Honor Guard marching into position led by SK Nicholas Ruby, Grand Standard Bearer and SK Daniel Stewart, Grand Commander. A total of 24 Sir Knights, 22 swords and 2 Commandery Service Dogs helped create an Arch of Steel for the newly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Judson.

### June 2023 Upcoming Events

#### St. John Baptist's Day - Feast of Saint John the Baptist originally adopted by Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13, KT on July 4th, 1882.

The event will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, and will begin at 4pm at the Zal Gaz Grotto with the Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262, F&AM & St. Mary's Lodge No. 4, F&AM PHA Table Lodge to follow. You can purchase tickets for the table lodge at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-marys-and-aaf-262-third-annual-joint-table-lodge-tickets-618458394707>

Dress will be templar uniform with sword or business, with ladies in Sunday best.

Contact SK Brandon Mullions PC OC for any questions regarding St John Baptist's Day

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 AT 4 PM**  
**Table Lodge: Feast of the Holy Saint John the Baptist**  
Battle Creek Masonic Center

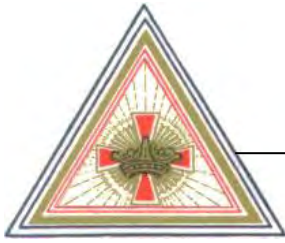
The Brothers of Battle Creek are hosting a historical event, steeped in Masonic tradition. This event is open to all Masons in good standing. The education segment will be open to Master Masons only due to the education topics being provided. During the education segment, tours and alternative entertainment will be provided for any interested parties. Tickets can be purchased on our website by clicking the link at the top of our home page.

Details to follow on our website: <https://www.battlecreekmasons.com>

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Tickets available at our store:

<https://bc-masonic-center.square.site/>



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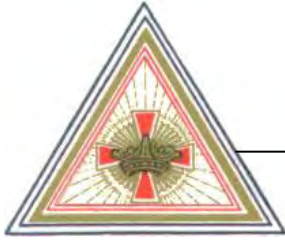
### York Rite in Action

Traverse City Membership Day – Grand Chapter RAM and Grand Commandery of Michigan KT came together for 4 Chapter degrees and 3 Commandery Orders on 14 new Sir Knights. SK Daniel Stewart, Grand Commander, and MEC Donald Mayville, Grand High Priest flanking new SK Brent Raterink.



**13 Companions Exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason at Monroe Chapter #1. Next steps are Council Degrees and Commandery Orders.**





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If you have any photos you would like to share in upcoming monthly newsletters, please forward them to the Grand Commander with a description, date, and photo credit.

Yours in Templary,

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