

Grand Commandery of New York

June News



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Sir Knights,

Report of 241st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge F&A Masons of New York

On Sunday, April 30, Lady Eileen and I arrived in NYC to attend the events at the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Sunday night we attended an invitational banquet at Marina Del Rey in the Bronx. The following morning at 6:00 AM we readied for the session. I was fortunate to be asked by our Grand Master to speak—representing the Concordant Bodies at Grand Lodge. I used our motto for the year—“It’s not something we do, it’s something we are”. Our motto for the year relates not only to Knight Templars, but to all Masons and my presentation was well received. On Monday night we dined with the others at Russo’s on the Bay in Queens before the Final Day of Grand Lodge. Lady Eileen and I stayed into the afternoon to watch Grand Master Richard J. Kessler be Installed again for his last year as Grand Master. The whole Grand lodge experience was an exhausting, but inspiring time.

Let’s remember Father’s Day With Father's Day Fun Facts

1. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the necktie is the most popular of all Father's Day gifts.
2. The origin of the word dad may simply be baby talk—“The forms dada meaning 'Father' originating in infantile or childish speech”, says the Oxford English Dictionary.
3. There are 1.5 billion fathers worldwide. 66.3 million of those fathers are in the United States.
4. Father's Day is the fifth largest card sending occasion in America with almost 100 million Father's Day cards sent each year.
5. Only 50% of all Father's Day cards are purchased for dads. Nearly 15% of Father's Day cards are purchased for husbands. Other categories include grandfathers, sons, brothers and uncles.
6. The Father's Day card business will ring-up about \$780 million this year.

7. According to National Geographic, Father's Day costs less than Mother's Day—with individual consumers spending \$94.54 and \$138.36 respectively.
8. The famous Mark Twain said the following about his father, "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years".
9. The idea of Father's Day was conceived by Sonora Smart-Dodd who wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran—left to raise six children on his own.
10. It wasn't until 1972 that Father's Day was officially made a U.S. holiday, when President Richard Nixon helped set aside the third Sunday in June for dads.

Luke 15:20

"So he got up and went to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him." This passage is for emotional dads who love to see their kids come home for vacation—and these days, trust that if he could hug you through a video call, he probably would.

• **June's Good Works- New Beginnings**

- - Open Conclaves using the Tactics in full form, also plan on conferring Orders in your long range plan. Start out small, using the ability to confer the short form of the Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta. By conferring Orders your Commandery will grow and become strong. **Program=Retention.**
 - Consider taking the Chaplains Course on the Grand Encampment Website. It is a life changing course even if you are not or never thought about becoming a Chaplain or Prelate
 - Considered taking the Grand Encampment's Leadership Training Program, yorkriteleadership.org , we do not have a Membership Issue we have a Leadership Opportunity.
 - Considered taking the Grand Encampment's Ritual Course
 - Considered taking the Grand Encampment's History Course
 - On St. John's Day at the Masonic care Community, consider marching with the Templars in full Uniform in the grand Lodge Parade.
- ***Please spread the word-*** *If you are not getting emails twice a month from Grand Commandery Constant Contact please email Harry Williams harry.williams@marist.edu. Include your name, email and Commandery Name and No. and you will be placed on the Mailing list.*

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Upcoming Events

June 18- Father's Day

June 24- St John's Day Parade-Utica

July date TBD -Zone 3 – Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta with the Order of the Temple in early Fall

July 21- Grand Commandery Knights Templar PHA of New York, Crown Plaza Desmond, Albany (Annual Conclave: all Sir Knights are invited to be received at 10 AM Friday.)

July 29 -Invitation Luncheon - Grand Commandery Knights Templar PHA of New York and Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York Recognition Luncheon.

September 9- Northeast Department Conference (All Knights are invited.)

September 15-18 -210th Annual Conclave Crown Plaza Desmond Hotel, 600 Albany Shaker Rd., Albany, NY—All Council Officers from the Constituent Commanderies and Grand Representatives both active and pending are required to attend.

Lady Eileen and I wish all Sir Knights and their families a Happy Father's Day

Courteously with Faith

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Grand Prelate's Corner

Did you know that there are three types of people. There's the Natural, Carnal and Spirit Filled person. Which are you?

The Natural Person: You lead a self-directed life. You're in charge of your own decisions and actions, making plans and doing what it takes to be successful. You know what you want out of life and you've set out on a path to fulfill your dreams and make yourself happy. You're often feeling frustrated, even after you check off the boxes on your list of things that are supposed to make you feel fulfilled. You are going in the direction you think is right for you and hoping that, in the end, the good you've done outweighs the bad. Christ is not likely in your life.

The Carnal Person: You have received Christ, but live in defeat because you're trying to live the Christian life in your own strength. Jesus is in your life but self is still on the throne, directing your decisions and actions. You often feel frustration and you have strong opinions on whom or what needs

to change in order for you to be joyful. You can quote more worship songs than scripture. You like to go to church for the community and the way it makes you feel, but you don't understand that the church is not a community, it's a covenant. Christian culture is encouraging, but the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit is transformative.

The Spirit Filled Person: You are one who is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is in your life and on the throne. Self is yielding to Jesus. You see Jesus' influence and direction in your life because He is at the center of it. You realize you can do nothing on your own. A Spirit Filled person is transformed and vulnerable, able to assess situations from a Godly perspective. You have peace and joy through identity as a son or daughter of God, receiving the love of the Father and accepting His wisdom and guidance. This person is submissive and humble—a servant of many and not only of the self.

Again, I ask, which you are. Remember, "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand."
(Psalm 37: 23-24) Amen.