



# Grand Commandery Knights Templar Oregon



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*Greetings Sir Knights,*

First, I am going to ask you for your input. According to Section 115(8) of the Templar Code of Oregon, I am inviting you to put in your invitation for the location of the next Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon. We have already had an invitation to return to the Mill Casino in North Bend. If you would like to make an invitation, contact your District Supervisor with information as to meeting facilities and lodging so it can be sent to the Time and Place Committee for consideration.



We are now entering the warm months of the year. I have sent out General Order 1 which authorizes the Summer Uniform from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Should the weather remain hot as it has in other years I may extend it if asked.

June also brings elections and a change in leadership. I am asking you to have your Recorder send a copy of the new officers to the Grand Recorder as soon as they are installed. The Commander and Recorders address, phone, and email would be helpful as this gives the Grand Commandery good ways to communicate with you Commanderies. All too often this information is not passed on until the annual return at the start of the year.

Many Commanderies will be going dark for July and August. I am suggesting that while you do not have a Stated Conclave that your Commander call a Special Conclave to practice ritual, practice sword work,

or to have a social gathering to share fellowship. Meetings outside the Asylum are critical for us to band together as as Sir Knights. It is much too easy in gathering for the meeting and dispersing after the meeting is over. But you never get to truly know those in your asylum until you have sat together over a meal without the confines of the meeting room, and laughed together and genuinely talked with one another.

Summer is also a time for travel. Just because you are not in your own area, it does not mean you can't go to a meeting. If you are within the state, check the [oregonyorkrite.org](http://oregonyorkrite.org) website to see if a Commandery in the area you are traveling is still working. If you are going out of state you should check if there is a Commandery in their jurisdiction you are traveling, and send your communication to them through our Grand Recorder. It may take a little longer in this manner, but it is the proper protocol for contacting a Commandery outside our jurisdiction if you are not known. If you have a friend that belongs, have him speak with his Commander, and if it is not an issue attend and have fun.

In all of the various obligations we take we have sworn to look after our Masonic family. In the heat of summer, whenever it should occur, I would ask that you reach out to some of our more elderly members and widows. See that they are not in want because of the weather and help them in any way you can. We do not want to lose any through want or neglect.

I would like you to take some time in the coming weeks at just sit back and observe the world. The crashing of the waves across the shore. The beauty of a stream as it burbles over the rocks. The ever changing clouds as they float across the sky. The happy sounds of family as they gather. Take the time to see all the beauty that has been placed in your view by our Creator and give him thanks. Then find some way to add your contribution to the beauty of the world. It is as easy to do as planting a color spot of flowers or reaching out to someone who has stumbled. There is nothing more beautiful than giving back to humanity without the thought of reward.

I will close out my monthly message with a plea. Check with your recorder to see if you have a life endowment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It is less than the cost of a dinner for two at most sit-down restaurants, but it gives much more. It is my sincere wish that we reach 100% life endowments in all of our Commanderies this year.

I humbly thank you for the honor of serving you all this year.

Courteously,

Dale E. Imbleau, Grand Commander

