

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



May 2023

Sir Knights,

May is starting off with a bang with a potential 22 new Sir Knights at the Traverse City Membership Day, and will not be slowing down after that. Orders are being scheduled, and Schools of Instruction are coming soon. In addition, we are invited as Sir Knights to be an Honor Guard for the incoming Most Worshipful Grand Master of Michigan, RWB Larry Judson, pending a favorable election. Details and contacts will be listed below. Let's get out there, be visible, and show pride in our Order.



Monthly Mentor Reflection "Influence of Women"

Our mothers raised us. Our wives supported us. Our daughters look up to us and help remind us that we will always be the children of God. Mother's Day comes just once a year, but we remember our mothers every day. May is a time of more heartfelt deliberate thought towards the women that raised us. This month, I would ask all of you, in some way, to thank your mother/wife/girlfriend for supporting your decision to become a Sir Knight. Without them, we would be lost, and that is the TRUTH.

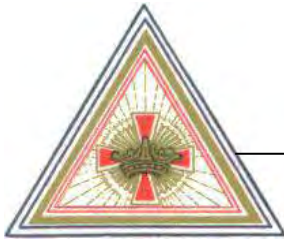
Special Project Announcements "Sound Assembly"

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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May 2023 Upcoming Events

For those travelling around the state this month, here are activities you can participate in and I am planning on attending:

- May 6 – Traverse City Membership Day – Chapter Degrees and Commandery Orders
- May 13 – Order of the Temple scheduled at Port Huron and Romeo Commanderies
- May 20 – KYCH – Doig Chapel at Michigan Masonic Home
- May 21 – 23 – Grand Lodge of Michigan – Annual Communication at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant.

Grand Lodge of Michigan – Annual Communication

Sir Knights,

I hope that this message finds you and your families doing well!

The upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication taking place at Soaring Eagle Resort on May 22nd and 23rd offers the Grand Commandery of Michigan to support the Grand Lodge and serve a very distinguished member of the Order. Sir Knight Larry Judson, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Michigan has asked that the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery provide an honor guard for the 2023 installation of officers at the Grand Lodge session. The installation of officers will take place following lunch on Tuesday, May 23rd.

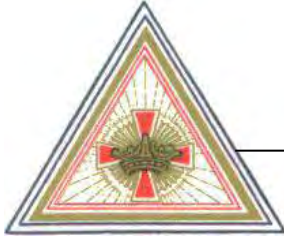
On behalf of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, I am reaching out to all of the Sir Knights asking as many of our Order as possible to attend this installation to form the honor guard for S.K. Judson. As the exact timing of the installation depends upon the completion of the Grand Session, I cannot give a specific time for the event, yet it would be appreciated if those participating could be at the venue by 12pm and ready to fall in for the honor guard. If you are attending the session already, please consider bringing your full Templar uniform with you so that you can participate in the honor guard. Dress for the event will be full Templar uniform with sword, chapeau and gloves. If you plan to participate in the honor guard, please respond to me at this email or at skjpk@yahoo.com (preferred) to confirm your attendance. But we will always take last-minute additions!

Thank you for your support of Templar Masonry, S.K. Judson, and the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Courteously,

Jay P. Kennedy, Deputy Grand Commander

In addition, we will be marching in as a group prior to the installation with the Beauceant flying high.



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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

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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