



# Grand Commandery Knights Templar Oregon



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### *Greetings, Sir Knights*

The last vestiges of Summer are upon us. We move into Labor Day, school is starting, and soon the Autumnal Equinox will be upon us. As it grows ever earlier each year the siren call of pumpkin spice everything will be filling our ears. We will see the changing of the leaves and the changing of the weather start to creep in upon us.

It is also the start of our returning to work in our Commanderies. Time to dust off the ritual and make sure it is the current Grand

Encampment ritual (I prefer the spiral bound one for ease of use), and put away the Oregon Tactics. While I will hear the howl of some, I would rather see the ritual read well while you are learning, some of you for the first time, the parts for which you were elected or appointed during the summer.

It is also time for our York Rite Mid-Year meeting. It will be at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2023, at the Salem Scottish Rite Building, 4090 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302. It is recommended that the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each commandery attend as items that will be coming up during their term of office will be discussed. Remember that the officer stated in the sentence above are members of the Grand Commandery and have responsibilities spelled out in the Templar Code of Oregon.



We are also coming up on one of the required ceremonies of each Commandery, our Christmas Observance. While those who can and have the resources can join the Grand Encampment at their service, it may not be within the budget for everyone. However, every Commandery should make the effort to join with other Commanderies in their area, or to put on a service for their own membership. It is not hard as you can find the ceremony in the Manual of Public Ceremonies. Since that item is currently out of print in the Grand Encampment, I am sure a request to your district supervisor will get you the resources you need to be able to put on a creditable observance. I mainly bring this up in September so that enough planning can be made to make this a memorable experience for your Sir Knights and bring honor upon your Commandery.

I have started my visitations to each of the Commanderies. I will be reaching out to the person we have listed as the Recorder with my visitation notices. If your Recorder has changed, please send a note to the Grand Recorder as quickly as possible to prevent misunderstandings. I have held off on making my visitations until after the installation of the new slate of officers. This was planned on my part because my message concerns their participation at the Grand York Rite Session at the Mill Casino in April of next year. We will have some items, which will also be discussed at the Mid-Year York Rite Session, that need to be understood and action taken to prevent a disruption of our Grand York Rite Sessions. I will also be discussing the fact that our current Grand Recorder will be retiring after this session. To my great relief, and with my full support, Sir Knight Michael D. Sullivan has agreed to become the Assistant Grand Recorder and run for the Grand Recorder's position at our next session. And finally, just to give you a taste of what is on the horizon, there will be an increase in the Life Sponsorship for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation at the first of the year.

Lastly, I would like you to take thirty seconds of your life each day or at least once a week. I would like you to put aside all of the cares of active life, clear your mind, and just look around you. As I sit at my computer typing out this month's message, in the tree behind me a flight of wrens has been picking the berries of my holly tree, a squirrel walked up the railing on the deck and watched me through the window, and a hummingbird just lit on a branch before moving on. I am sure if you observe, you too will find some of the wonders of God's creation surrounding you, observing you, and taking their own time in wonder. These are the things we should be thankful for when we say our prayers. Too often we pray for what we want rather than what has been provided for us. Please, take the time to be thankful.

Courteously,

Dale E. Imbleau, Grand Commander

