



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia

**February 2024**

Knighly greetings to all Sir Knights and their families:

It is that time of year again, when we start looking forward to grand conclave. By now you have received General Order Number 4, the call to grand conclave.

I hope each and every Sir Knight and their ladies are planning to attend the 150th conclave. We have a lot planned for this special conclave.

We have also scheduled five schools of instruction throughout the state beginning March 16th in Weston. Please attend at least one of these schools as we can all use a refresher in our great ritual. This is also a great time for a new Sir Knight or a line officer to learn the work in a laid back setting. I encourage everyone to learn a new part in the ritual. If we don't continue to learn, then we have failed ourselves. Also, we fail the candidates we are trying to impress.

There will be a commandery festival in Weston on March 30th, beginning with lunch at noon and the order of the temple at 1 p.m. St. John's Commandery will also be observing Past Commanders Night that evening at 5 p.m.

It is with heavy heart that I have to report the passing of Lady Sylvia Shafer. She will be greatly missed, as is Sir Knight Vaughn. My sympathies to the family.

I hope each of you is having a safe, healthy winter.

I will end this message with the following prayer inspired by Mark 5:1-20:

"O merciful and loving God, You alone are the Holy One. We find strength in You. We do not ask You to take away all our trials. But we that "Your will be done." Give us a hear that is strong enough to face the worst; a mind that forgets what is bad; and a soul that shall never lose faith in You."

Fraternally,

Charles R. "Sam" Krafft

Right Eminent Grand Commander