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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

Welcome to the September 2024 Ohio Supplement to the Knight Templar magazine [fair warning VEDGC SK Exline, the October article is yours to write.]

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10: 24-25)

As I write my last monthly article as Grand Commander, I reflect upon our travels. Over the last few years, especially the last couple, Lady Debbie and I have spent considerable time away from home in Masonic travels.

That has become one of the high points, and the most rewarding, of the 'duties of office'.

I remember back when I was still a new Sir Knight, being asked to fill-in as Sword Bearer of my Commandery. I didn't have a clue of what that meant (or what that step would lead to.) Anyway, a few of the Past Commanders of Dayton Commandery told me that I really needed to attend upcoming inspections, in order to observe others and see what the job entails; and oh, by the way, bring Debbie along as there will be several Ladies there, and there will be a nice dinner too.

Debbie really didn't want to go with me, as she didn't know anybody, but she relented. The next week, they got me to go again, and she again grudgingly went along. The third time, I didn't want to go – but she said I can stay home, she is going so she can visit with 'her Ladies', the friends she has made. That began our traveling journey. When one wasn't enthused, the other was. So, off we went.

Not only did the Past Commanders get us to attend inspections, when it came time to form lines, they grabbed my arm and dragged me into action. 'Follow my lead' they would say. That became the norm, the mentorship of the experienced Sir Knights taking me by the arm and leading me along the path.

I will never forget the mentoring of the Sir Knights of Dayton and Reed Commanderies. Not only for teaching how things are done, but the friendships that have developed. It has often been said that you get out what you put in. I can attest to how richly rewarding it has been to make acquaintance, and friendships, with Sir Knights and Brethren from all walks of life. Not only throughout Ohio, but in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee (and from attending Grand Encampment events, from the far reaches of the globe.) Without our travels in Templary, that would not have been possible.

To each of you that has guided me, offered advice, sometimes admonishments [that wise council whispered in the ear], I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You each have shown yourself to be a shining example of what we should all strive to be – friends and mentors.

The Savior said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Our opportunities to shine are limitless. They surround us each day.

Lady Debbie and I are truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to represent the Sir Knights and Ladies under the jurisdiction of The Ohio Grand Commandery. It has been an honor to serve you.

Wherever your Travels take you, stay safe!

And let *YOUR* light so shine.

Who are we? WE ARE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR!

Courteously,

Richard L Ganion, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio

P.S.: Registration is now open for the 182nd Ohio Grand Commandery Conclave Information, Deadline for hotel reservations is September 17. Deadline for meal reservations is September 19.

[182nd Grand Conclave Circular – October 10 – 12, 2024](#)

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