

Grand Commandery of New York

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Sir Knights,

Blessings and best wishes to you.

I had the pleasure of representing the Grand Commandery at the Grand Lodge of New York's Annual Session in May. It was a wonderful few days in New York City that were filled with banquets and other harmless amusements, but the highlight was being escorted into the Grand Lodge in uniform to the applause of the many Sir Knights and Brothers present. It was indeed my honor to represent you at that occasion and an experience I will never forget.

As our Commanderies are preparing to recess for the summer, I have received notices from several Commanderies about their conferring Orders and creating new Sir Knights. I had the honor of participating in an exceptional conferral of the Order of the Temple at Lake Erie Commandery No. 20. This has caused me to consider our role as members of our Commanderies in assisting our new Fraters.

As Sir Knights it is our job to create leaders by making our newest Sir Knights comfortable—so they want to attend and participate. We must speak with them socially; invite them to sit at our table for meals or with us in the Conclaves and at programs. We must get to know them. Helping them with their work without being asked, with kindness and without criticism, is critical to helping them to want to become the type of Knight Templar for which they have been created. To quote our M.: E.: Grand Master, we must, "Aspire to Inspire."

Our Fraternity requires that we work for each other, support each other, teach each other, and counsel each other whenever the situation requires. In this way we will develop and enjoy the kind of friendship and discipline forged through common work and devotion to a worthwhile endeavor. We do better when we work together.

Finally, I remind you again that the 212th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York will be held at the Crowne Plaza Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Rd., Albany New York 13501 on **Friday, September 26, 2025, through Sunday, September 28, 2025**. Full information on the Conclave has been distributed to all Commanderies, Zone Commanders, and many others. If you have not received General Order No. 5, the preliminary schedule, and the meal reservation form with hotel reservation, please ask your recorder or contact me directly (scottydawg2000@aol.com). It is my hope and expectation that, at this Annual Conclave, each Commandery will be represented by their own Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General.

It is also my wish that there will be in attendance every Past Grand Commander, Zone Commander, Deputy Zone Commander, Grand Representative, and my fellow Sir Knights. This is your Grand Commandery, and I look forward to greeting each one of you and thanking you personally for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Grand Commander.

And now, until my next message, may the Lord bless thee, and keep thee; may the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give the peace. Amen. - Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

Courteously and in His service,
S. K. John W. Scott, R.E.G.C., K.C.T.

Grand Prelate's Corner

As this month brings forth our summer and vacations—this is not the time to take a break from God. Ours are ominous days! One hardly knows what is to happen next. Worldly affairs change with startling rapidity. Somehow the world has lost its equilibrium, and politics and trade are topsy-turvy.

With the rapid development of science, television, computers, and the Internet in our own day, the advancement of Artificial Intelligence now, the organizations of the world as one, are making it possible for one great mastermind to rule and command the world. Fraters, we live in awesome days. With our fingers upon the world's pulse, are we not guilty of treachery if we keep back the truth regarding its perilous condition and future?

Convert the world in the intervening short period, we cannot. Evangelize it, we must! May God help each of us, then, to make the most of these days of opportunity. A world of souls and souls in the world need the Savior, and our supreme task is to present Him in all the fullness of His saving grace. (*All God's Comfort by Herbert Lockyer, Jr.*). Both our words and actions must exemplify our Lord Jesus Christ in our asylums and without. We must live and proclaim the gospel---Jesus Christ is Lord—the Hope of our world.

Let us make it so for our fellow fraters, families and our neighbors by living our moral and sacred vows. Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world has walked out. Jesus once said, “these things I have

spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (*John 16:33*).

Let each of us play on the field of life—hear the Captain Jesus—share Him to others forever.