



NEWS for June 2025
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Greetings Sir Knights!

I am honored to be writing to you as the new Grand Commander of Washington. I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence by electing me to the highest position in Templary in Washington. It is truly humbling.

The past two years our Grand Commanders have focused on history and fraternalism. This year I hope to focus on both but in a slightly different way. Our local Commandries are the heart of our organization and as such we need to support them with our attendance and participation. By the same token, we need to support our members by ensuring we do something besides read minutes and pay the bills. We need to encourage them to learn more about Templary by having programs at our meetings, or learning basic sword work and ritual work. Nothing long and extensive, but something which can add spice to the meeting. Discuss with the Sir Knights what they want to do or see at the meetings. Many Commandries have a dinner before or some kind of snack after. Others have a short educational program.

Another thing that helps attendance and participation is to not only send out an email about upcoming meetings/events, but to call your

members and remind them of the meeting/event. This year I will be raffling off several items which were donated by REPGC Jay White from the proceeds of his very successful coin sales. We have a KTEF pocket knife in a presentation case, a KTEF tie case and a Limited-Edition Leather-Bound version of "The Templar Monitor" by SK George Cooper Connor originally created in 1882. It is truly a beautiful work of art. The original is hand-written and colored. I will be bringing raffle tickets with me at my official visits as well as giving some to the District Instructors and other Grand Commandery Officers. Proceeds will be split evenly between the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holyland Pilgrimage Fund.

Templary is best when it shared between the Sir Knights. Planning is work, but work that is well worth the effort. If you need ideas or want to discuss ideas, feel free to contact your District Instructor or any of the Grand Officers, including me.

My upcoming Official Visits are listed in the Focus. I look forward to seeing you at one of these official visits if you can make it.

May God Bless each and every one of you and give you peace.

Fraternally,

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Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington