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Sir Knights,

Blessings and best wishes to you!

I had the pleasure of representing the Grand Commandery at the 2025 New York DeMolay Annual Convention on July 19th. This was an impressive meeting that was very well attended by young men from all over New York. The participants were kept busy with business meetings, informational sessions, and times of harmless amusement when the DeMolay were able to enjoy the hotel facilities and amusements provided specifically for them by the New York DeMolay. I was particularly impressed by the service project with the Food Bank of North Eastern New York that involved harvesting over 2000 pounds of garlic which was enough to feed 900 families.

During my term I have also had the pleasure of attending the annual conventions of the International Order of Rainbow and the Organization of Triangles. The young men and women I have encountered are mature, confident, and well spoken. They are our future and I believe Masonry and our country are in very good hands.

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 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 God bless you and let this summer season bring comfort and joy to you and your family.

Courteously and in His service,
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Grand Prelate's Corner

We live in a time where we can create at a moment's notice. We are in such an advanced stage of technology that computers can now create for us. In order, "to make our lives more peaceful and fulfilled.", Artificial Intelligence is the new God in our existence. The advancement of such technology causes us all to wonder if God really exists anymore. For example, the following poem was created by AI just by me asking AI to write a poem for the month of August from a Christian view.

"August's Embrace"

The sun, a golden, fervent gaze,
Across the fields, in summer's haze,
August's breath, a gentle sigh,
Beneath the vast and endless sky.

The harvest gleam, a golden hue,
A promise whispered, fresh and true,
Of earthly bounty, rich and deep,
A silent blessing, we now keep.

The Lord's creation, rich and grand,
A testament to His kind hand,
In every leaf, in every grain,
His love and grace, we feel again.

So let us pause, and give our praise,
For all the blessings of these days,

In August's warmth, and golden light,
We find our strength, and walk in might.

But if you ask AI is there a God? What's its answer: "Insufficient computing power to determine an answer". Scientists have created an AI, and asked it, "Is there a God?" The AI replied, "Insufficient computing power to determine an answer." The scientists connected the AI to a powerful supercomputer and gave it access to Wikipedia, and asked it again, "Is there a God?"

Again, the AI replied, "Insufficient computing power to determine an answer." So the scientists put the AI on a distributed cluster of millions of computers and gave it access to all the data on Google, then once again asked it, "Is there a God?" And yet again, the AI replied, "Insufficient computing power to determine an answer".

The scientists spend years and years, and finally got the AI to be installed on every supercomputer, network, PC, console, mobile device, smartwatch, anything with a chip. They gave the AI access to every database, website, book, social media platform, every piece of software ever written and every piece of knowledge ever obtained by mankind. And for the last time, they asked the AI, "Is there a God?" The AI replied, "There is *now*."

I pray that time never comes. Jesus Christ is the only God I am interested in!