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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies, Companions and Brothers All!

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan update and Knights Templar Magazine Supplement.

The Fourth of July is always a fun holiday to celebrate the independence of our great nation. Brother George Washington and so many patriots fought and sacrificed against great odds to envision and create a future for us all under the folds of our beloved flag. If there are parades, please pass along any details to the Deputy Grand Commander so we can spread the word, afterwards send a couple photos that we can share in future supplements.

The big news is that we are only six weeks away from our 169th Conclave and Grand York Right Session. The Grand Commandery officers encourage you to attend our conclave on Saturday August 16, 2025. Grand Conclave is not only for the three voting dias officers, it is a great opportunity to fellowship together, conduct the business of the Grand Commandery, march together, worship together, and celebrate accomplishments of Sir Knights and Commanderies. If you are in need of information regarding the session, lodging, or meal reservation form, please contact the Deputy Grand Commander at miktskadam@gmail.com. Please contact our Grand Captain General if you plan to have an exhibition drill team at Bay City on August 16th. No drill is too big or small to enjoy with our annual pass and review.

Sir Knights and Ladies, please mark your calendar and make your reservations for the Bark River 2025 Tour which will be held in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, September 11th to the 14th, 2025. Headquartered at the Comfort Inn in Manistique, Michigan once again, our Grand Senior Warden has planned an amazing 3 days of fun, your recorder should have received the agenda, hotel information, and meal reservation form. Rooms are booking up. On Saturday the 13th we will travel to Munising to support our upper

peninsula commanderies and their candidates for an Order of the Temple. That evening we will be back in Manistique for the Bark River 1313 Ceremonial. Bark River 1313 is a recognized ceremonial commandery that admits both men and women, and even an occasional dog and youngster has been knighted. Join us for a weekend of fall fun and Templar fellowship. If you need information, contact your recorder, Grand Senior Warden Don Mayville, or you may contact the editor at the above referenced email address.

Sir Knights, remember that old song, they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. The world needs Christian Sir Knights and Ladies showing love and serving as a living example of God shining his light through us. God Bless America and see you in Bay City!



ON THE RADAR

There should be several opportunities to march together in 4th of July Parades (please let me know if your commandery is hosting one so we can pass the word). There will be a Cherry Royale Parade this year after all, Hugh DePayen Commandery No. 47 is keeping it going, they cordially invite you to join them on July 5th, 2025. Meet at the Traverse City Masonic Lodge, 13360 West

Bay Road before 8:30 a.m. then travel to the starting line as a group with the float. Lunch will follow at the lodge building. RSVP with S.K. Edward Gonzalez via email at darthzalez211@gmail.com.

If your commandery has candidates, your Grand Commandery is here to help give them a special day in your asylum. We are here to fill gaps as needed or organize traveling team. Don't wait, we can help. There are several Order of Malta and Order of Red Cross occurring this summer as commanderies prepare for fall inspection season and knighting new members.

Grand Conclave Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan, August 16, 2025 Bay City Double Tree. Request presence of dais officers and all sir knights who can attend this wonderful day which includes morning business session, drills and pass and review, Past Commanders Association, Installation, Divine Service, and Round Table Dinner. The hotel link is:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50890496/owner/50269177/home>