



NEWS for July 2025  
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**Greetings Fraters!**

**We are fully into summer and many Commandries are dark for the next two months. I have had the pleasure of attending my first three official visits and have seen the members very positive regarding their Commanderies and Templary specifically.**

**I also had my first out of state visit. I was able to represent our Grand Commandery in my home state of Wisconsin at their Grand Conclave. I was received with all of the respect due the office of a visiting Grand Commander. There session was very well run and was fun to attend. After the installation, there was a special event and this event changed my Focus article for July.**

**There are 11 Commandries in Wisconsin. Two years ago, the Grand Commandery decided they wanted to start having active drill teams and compete at a state level and at eventually compete at the national level at the Grand**

**Encampment Triennial. Seven of the eleven Commandries participated at the Grand Conclave. No scores were kept and there was only one winner: all of the participating Commandries. The teams started by marching into the room and then executing a series of marching commands. They then formed ranks and participated in series of sword drills and then finished with a series of marching commands and exited the room. Six of the teams had seven members and one had only six. There is one person who gives all of the commands and they can be one of the six members or a seventh.**

**I will be sending out information regarding drills and drill teams to the District Instructors. It has been suggested that we may want to start with District teams. We can discuss this. If you are interested please contact your District Instructor or me and I will send you the information.**

**I hope to see many of you at the Royal Arch Park for the annual picnic. It is a fun and very family friendly event.**

**Fraternally,**

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