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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies, Companions and Brothers All!

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

Summer is now 2/3 in the rearview window, hopefully you have exciting plans for this August and September. Please consider joining us at the 169th Conclave and Grand York Right Session. The Grand Commandery officers encourage you to attend our conclave on Saturday August 16, 2025. Your registration and meal form should be arriving to Sir Knight Cortland rule and be postmarked by August 5th. If you are in need of information regarding the session, lodging, or meal reservation form, please contact the Deputy Grand Commander ASAP at miktskadam@gmail.com. Even if you do not plan to stay for meals, please register and join us for the Conclave Saturday morning and fun events in the afternoon.



Some of the Grand Commandery officers traveled to the Land of Lincoln to attend the Illinois Grand Commandery Conclave in July. Our sister Grand Commanderies always extend outstanding hospitality, and it is fun taking in other "Past Commander Association" equivalents.

Sir Knights Heise, Hicks and Wygant with Lady Amy.



While attending Illinois Conclave we had to sneak away to President Lincoln's tomb to pay our respects. The cemetery and tomb are amazing to visit, and the tomb has very interesting sculptures and writings on the walls.



While at the cemetery we happened upon a large garden with an alter in the middle of the field, upon further inspection there were also concrete chairs in the East, South, and West with appropriate symbols, square, plumb, and level. Perhaps the largest lodge set up I have ever seen. It was very neat to see, and there were also nice memorials honoring our veterans for each major conflict.

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. The ladies have some fun events set up including a candle making class and Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tour.

Sir Knights, the Grand Commandery officers are excited to see you in Bay City for a time of business, drill exhibition, and fellowship. Send interesting stories and photo to the editor so they may be shared and celebrated in future editions.



ON THE RADAR

September 11th to 14th, Bark River Tour (See Above)

October 19, 2025 Joint Grand York Rite Reception at Brookshire Golf Club, Williamston, MI 48895.

Information will be at conclave. For information and reservations, Grand Senior Warden Don Mayville, or you may contact the editor at the above referenced email address.

Nearly all inspections have been scheduled, the final schedule will be available at conclave, shared prior to Labor Day, and posted to the website. Please consider supporting neighboring commanderies, helping or just enjoying fellowship of fellow Knights Templar.

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.