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***“As He
Died***



Let Us Live”

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies, Companions and Brothers All!

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

Grand Commander Message

My Grand Commander’s theme this year comes from the fact that Christ died to provide a way of salvation to fallen man, and as Christian soldiers we are called to live for the Great Captain of our salvation. While listening to a sermon regarding Julia Ward Howe’s old Battle Hymn of the Republic, a pastor noted that some have changed the lyric that exclaims “In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me: As He died to make men holy, let us **DIE** to make men free.” Some versions are now “As He died to make men holy, let us **LIVE** to make men free.” He explained that the song was written at the time to uplift the spirit of soldiers and illuminate the cause of freeing slaves, but that today we are not being called to die to make men free, but the higher cause of living for Christ and that we would free others by leading them to the cross.

The message is supported by 2 Corinthians 5:15 which states “And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” The Grand Commander’s theme is simply “**As He Died, Let Us Live**” because we are Christian Knights and by living for Christ, we will treat each other

right, we will reflect God's glory to potential candidates for Templary and the world at large, and will be busy about the business of charity and hospitality.

In addition to the theme this year, General Order No. 1 was issued on August 18, 2025. The Order was sent to recorders and is to be read at the foot of the lines. The Order contains important information this year regarding inspection expectations, encouragement to perform some sort of ritual associated with inspections, other important dates, and a reminder of the importance of our three main philanthropies. The Grand Commandery this year will focus on a new website which should be live soon, executing a great inspection season and mailing timely reports, visiting and supporting commanderies, and ensuring a productive instruction season in the spring (including a Captain General's Workshop).

I look forward to being your Grand Commander this year, serving you alongside Lady Holli, and the sweet fellowship we will have in the upcoming year.

Courteously – Adam W. Wygant, Grand Commander

Grand Conclave



This past August 16th, was our 169th Grand Conclave for the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan in Bay City. The final proceedings will be published in the near future. We thank the 2024-25 officers and committeemen for all of the hard work completed, and the 2025-26 officers and committeemen for accepting positions to lead the organization forward.

The Conclave was well attended by commanderies and visiting distinguished guests from other Masonic bodies and Knights from other sister state jurisdictions. Special thanks to our inspecting officer SK Jack Harper the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, our Department Commander, and all of the Past Grand Commanders for all of the guidance and assistance given to the officers to ensure a successful conclave. Another special thanks to Lady Amy Hicks for spearheading the Ladies Luncheon and the hospitality room. Lady Amy was supported by other Grand Commandery Ladies.

Most legislation failed to pass, however one proposal passed that will modify an existing committee to increase membership and align its focus more on electronic communications and outreach. Our electronic communication tools and presence must necessarily improve to match our modern world in order for our Knights and the world at large to understand our existence and impact to our communities.

Bark River

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.

Grand Prelate's Pen

Greetings Sir Knights All,

I am honored to be your Grand Prelate for 2025-2026 Chivalric year. As our Country readies to celebrate our 250th Birthday, it brings me back to our founding. How our Founding Fathers sought the wisdom and blessings of God before such laudable undertakings. How men like Thomas Lowe spoke to William Penn saying "There is a faith which overcomes the World, and there is a faith which is overcome by the World."

In turn, William Penn was later quoted "If thou wouldst rule well, thou must rule FOR God, and to do that, thou must be ruled **BY** Him. Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants." (emphasis was mine.)

I'll be focusing on how God and the works of Christ Jesus helped form our country. Although we are not solely a Christian Nation our founding and our Founding Fathers were influenced by the Holy Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments. Which paved the way for our Constitution as written in 17 September 1787. The link below has great information about this special day coming up.

<https://www.constitutionday.com/>

God's influence can be seen in our Federal Buildings, our monuments and might still be found in some of our Universities that were known for Christian education. But where it is needed to be seen most is in our daily interactions, in public. Be the Light that others need to see. Reflect on Hebrews 13:2

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:14-16 KJV

14 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.* **15** *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.* **16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

This is what I believe our Founding Fathers set forth, they gave us an opportunity to glorify God, freely, openly and as much as we care to, in a Republic.

As Bro. Benjamin Franklin replied on the last day of the Continental Congress: "A Republic, as long as you can keep it."

May Grace and Peace be multiplied to you through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Matthew G. Kent, KYCH, Grand Prelate of Michigan



ON THE RADAR

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

Lansing Commandery will be having an Order of the Temple on September 25th. Dinner will be at 6:30pm with Chamber and prompt opening at 7:30pm. Ladies are invited to attend. Please contact SK Chris Potts, PC KTCH to get dinner head count at

christophpotts@gmail.com. If you are available to assist

with the OOT cast, please contact SK Chris or Adam Wygant miktskadam@gmail.com.

We are still putting cast together and have several open slots, help us make this a great night for this new Knight.

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. 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.

September Inspections

September 13, 2025 Lake Superior No. 30, Sunrise No. 34, and Cheboygan No. 50 will host a joint inspection and Order of the Temple in Munising, starting at 9:30 am as part of the 2025 Bark River Tour. There are lady's events planned (see Bark River information). Help celebrate our Northern Commanderies and support their several new members who will be knighted while taking in Yooper fall splendor.

Early October Inspections

October 4, 2025 Howell Commandery No. 28, 2:30pm opening with dinner to follow. Inspection and Order of the Temple is planned. Ladies Program.

October 6, 2025 Monroe Commandery No. 19, 7pm Inspection of opening only with no ladies program.

October 6, 2025 Bay City Commandery No. 26, 7:30pm Inspection of opening only with no ladies program.

October 7, 2025 Romeo Commandery No. 6, 7:30pm opening. No ladies program.