

# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN

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***Let Us Live”***

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## **Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies, Companions and Brothers All!**

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

### **Grand Commander Message**

I was in Alaska last week and fall was in the air with golden aspen trees and cool breezes. Returning to Michigan it seems like we are getting an extended summer. I won't complain about good travelling weather in the busy inspection season.

Please get out and support neighboring commandery inspections and conclaves, to strengthen the bonds of friendship and brotherly love. So far, the Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders have had the joy of travelling to Munising and Lansing to assist with the Order of the Temple, seeing 5 new Sir Knights join our Order. This has been a great start and I know there are many more planned around the state this fall. There is real enjoyment and satisfaction that comes from putting on good ritual and seeing new knights enjoy their special day. Keep practicing, recruiting, and communicate to the Grand Commandery when your orders are. We will attend and help if we can.

The next two weekends are great opportunities to plug into Templar activities, first with the Howell Commandery Inspection on October 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Ohio Grand Commandery session in Columbus, Ohio on the following Thursday and Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Courteously – Adam W. Wygant, Grand Commander

### **Bark River 1313 – Serious Frogging Around**



September always brings the Bark River 1313 Commandery Tour. Sir Knights and Ladies head north of the Mackinaw Bridge to inspect and assist our three Upper Peninsula Commanderies. This year there was some frogging around during the annual ceremonial which resulted in many laughs and new members of this mystical commandery. The Bark River Tour remains headquartered in Manistique, which provides a beautiful location to explore and spend time together. While the Sir Knight's met on Friday and Saturday the ladies took the opportunity to attend a class on candle making and also a glass bottom boat tour around Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

In Munising, the new home of Lake Superior Commandery, 4 new Sir Knights signed the rolls of Upper Peninsula Commanderies. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to the 2026 Bark River Tour which will again be headquartered in Manistique, and being planned by our Grand Senior Warden SK David Heise/Frog Guy.





The upper peninsula of Michigan offers great views of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. A wonderful backdrop for the annual Bark River Tour.

### **Grand Prelate's Pen**

Greetings Sir Knights All,

### **HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY!!!**

As I sit at my desk looking out of the front window I see the leaves turning colors while some have fallen already. Enjoying possibly some of our last 80-degree days, the mornings are just a little cooler, this can only mean one thing. Fall is here! For some October means hunting season, others enjoy the trees as they reveal brilliant colorful displays on a road trip. Taking in a last-minute boating excursion or a football game? Maybe it's sitting on the front porch with your wife and a good cup of coffee enjoying God's creation.

These are all great opportunities but there is one thing I am also very excited about, October 13th marks the 250th anniversary of the U.S Navy! **HOOPYAH!!!**

For all those who served in this, the Greatest Navy in the World, I thank you and am proud to be one of you.

My Grandfathers can be traced back to serving in the French and Indian Wars, the Battle of Lexington and Concord in the Revolutionary War, the second day at Gettysburg, WWI, WWII where my grandfather was among the first US Navy Seabees, my father, Daniel G. Kent, served in the Army during Vietnam, stationed in Germany. My Uncle Bud was Navy and has 2 Marines and a Sailor to his credit. My brother was Navy, too. I served nearly 10 years until multiple injuries made me unfit for full duty, my intent was to serve for 30 years.

**John F. Kennedy** said “I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: “I SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.”

**John Paul Jones, the Father of the U.S. Navy** was quoted:

“If fear is cultivated it will become stronger, if faith is cultivated it will achieve mastery.”

During the attack on Pearl Harbor Chaplain Howell M. Forgy while aboard the USS New Orleans encouraged Sailors by famously saying: “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition.”

**“As He Died, Let Us Live”** - Adam Wygant, Grand Commander of Michigan

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

-the Apostle Paul in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, chapter 10.

For those Afloat, Afoot or Aloft may God keep you safe, strong and steadfast.

**In Christ is Victory!**

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

Matthew G. Kent, KYCH, Grand Prelate of Michigan



## **ON THE RADAR**

October 19, 2025 Joint Grand York Rite Reception at Brookshire Golf Club, Williamston, MI 48895. For information and reservations, Grand Senior Warden Don Mayville, or you may contact the editor at the above referenced email address.

Hospitaller Sunday, October 26, 2025 – Grand Commandery Family and any Sir Knights/ladies will worship at Howell First Methodist Church at 10:30am (assembly at 10am). Lexington Commandery is also hosting their Battalion and any knights/ladies at the First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer, 433 N. Calhoun Street, at 10:30am (assembly at 10am).

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.

### **October Inspections**

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| 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  | 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.   |
| October 16, 2025 | Port Huron Commandery No. 7, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30pm 10-Man Opening. No ladies program.  |
| October 20, 2025 | Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13, 7pm 10-Man Opening. No ladies program.  |
| October 25, 2025 | Peninsular Commandery No. 8 and Caledonia Commandery No. 60 Joint Inspection in Mattawan Michigan. Email the editor for details if you plan to attend. |
| October 25, 2025 | Lexington Commandery No. 27, 4pm Dinner and 5:30 10-Man Opening. Ladies Welcome.   |
| October 27, 2025 | Durand Commandery No. 21, Swartz Creek, 7pm. No ladies program.  |

### **Early November Inspections**

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| November 1, 2025 | Pontiac Commandery No. 2, 2pm opening and Order of the Temple. No ladies program.                           |
| November 1, 2025 | Marshall Commandery No 17 and Columbia Commandery No. 18 Joint Inspection. 1:30pm start and ladies program. |
| November 6, 2025 | Monroe Commandery No. 19, 7pm Inspection of opening only with no ladies program.                            |

## Parting Prelate Prayer

Given the times, our prelate has this special message on his heart for the Sir Knights of Michigan.

Greetings Sir Knight's All,

My goal for the Grand Prelate's Pen is to write a monthly address to accompany our own Grand Commander's address and hopefully inspire the Sir Knight's and all who might read it to walk more closely to Christ. In addition, I share the following thoughts:

In the past few weeks there has been tragedy that struck our Country and Christians as a whole; regardless of political affiliation. 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 3;13 and Luke 21:31 tells us that these times are to be expected. Now, I'm not saying the end times are here. I am saying that Satan is still roaming around *like* a lion looking for someone he might devour. More importantly God is on the Throne and Christ Jesus was, is and will be Victorious in EVERY battle!

We need to put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) and maintain situational awareness. Pray for those whose families have been affected by the killing of innocents doing God's work. Like the children at Minneapolis Catholic school who were murdered while praying. Charlie Kirk, a Christian warrior and modern-day Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was assassinated for expressing his Biblical beliefs in a world that desperately needs to hear it. Finally, the families in Grand Blanc while attending Church this past Sunday who were killed or injured by mad man who drove his car into their place of worship, started shooting the congregation while their church caught fire.

In ancient times the Knights Templar protected traveling pilgrims to the Holy Land. We must today protect innocents from the evil in the world. Prayer is our strongest weapon, and God hears our prayers. Listen for what He puts on our hearts and be courageous to call evil what it is. I'm not writing this as a doom and gloom article and *certainly it is not a call for violence*. This is a call to prayer for each other and a call for godly men to act as if Christ Himself is standing next to you, because He is!

Matthew G. Kent, KYCH, Grand Prelate of Michigan