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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 November 2025 edition of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan update and Knights Templar Magazine Supplement.

Grand Commander Message

Thankful, blessed, appreciative, contemplative.....all words that come to mind in November. Traveling around and visiting our commanderies, seeing men knighted into this magnanimous Order is the best part of being your Grand Commander. Please get out and support your own commandery's inspection and travel to a neighboring commandery. Central Battalion is a great example to us all; they seem to swarm to support each other and participate in special Templar events with vigor.

November is full of inspections, and my hope is many of you will join us in Jackson for my home commandery inspection, Jackson Commandery No. 9 at 3pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm. We are honored to have Past Grand Commander Darel W. Winslow as inspecting officer. Unfortunately, due to scheduling issue, Mt. Clemans is also that evening, so understandably we will have to divide and support each. Whichever, you choose, it should be a great day with Northville Commandery in the morning and two great options that afternoon and evening.

Sir Knights, in this 3rd month of my year as Grand Commander, you have made me feel blessed, thankful for richness of experiences, appreciate of our friendships, and contemplative of so many nice experiences ahead. Detroit No. 1 inspection will be a

special one this year with special visitors. We are planning for an awesome Captain General's Workshop on March 28 with ritual competition following lunch, and York Rite Leadership Training is being offered on Friday the 13th at East Central Department meeting, Easter Observances, youth events, etc..

As a hunter, I am especially contemplative this month, finding a little time in a tree to think about all of this. It is the rare occasion to sit in God's creation, let time slow down, and remember the gifts He gives us, big and small, but always many.

Courteously – Adam W. Wygant, Grand Commander

York Rite Participation



A little further back in September, several Grand Commandery officers enjoyed York Rite fellowship at the annual Outdoor Chapter Degree Day in Reed City. It is no secret, that Templary draws its members from Lodge and Chapter members. Please continue to support your Lodge and Chapter, and the entirety of the York Rite. If you have never attended the outdoor degrees, it is a very special day in Masonry where we get to do the work in a unique setting, relax around the campfire, and

enjoy a marvelous barbeque together. Many of us got outdoor Chapter degrees in Dowagiac, and now the tradition continues in the north country of Michigan.

Hospitaller Sunday October 26th, 2025



Sir Knights gathered at various locations to worship together on Hospitaller Sunday. A couple of photos from Central Battalion participating in Lapeer, Michigan and Sir Knights and Grand Commandery Officers in Howell. In Howell, our own Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander delivered the sermon with the Senior Pastor, reminding us of there being no need to worry. That we spend much too much effort worrying about things that we can't control and things our Father in Heaven has promised to provide. Our Associate Grand Prelate offers the following reminder about Hospitaller Sunday.



Today we gather for our Hospitaller Remembrance to honor the legacy of those who bore the cross of mercy and service in the name of Christ. The Hospitallers, the Knights of St. John, were called into being not for conquest or for glory, but for healing. At the heart of their vocation was the care of the sick, the wounded, the poor, and the stranger.

When pilgrims came weary from their journey to Jerusalem, they found open doors. When plague swept across Europe, the Hospitallers did not flee but remained at the bedsides of the

suffering. When danger loomed, they defended the helpless. Their shield bore the cross, but their hands bore bandages, bread, and water.

Remembrance is not only about the past—it is about the call that echoes into the present. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that it is in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and tending the sick that we meet Him face to face. This was the work of the Hospitallers then, and it is the work to which we are called now.



Today we remember with thanksgiving the men and women across centuries who lived this calling: knights, sisters, nurses, and volunteers who gave themselves to a ministry of compassion, often at great cost. We remember those who laid down their lives in service, and we remember those who even now serve in

hospitals, clinics, and relief efforts under the banner of St. John.

But remembrance is also a responsibility. To remember their sacrifice is to renew our own commitment. Each of us is called to be a hospitaller in spirit—opening our hands in charity, opening our homes in welcome, opening our hearts in mercy. In a world that still knows hunger, sickness, displacement, and war, the need for healing and hope is as urgent as ever.

So let us not leave their witness in history's pages. Let us embody it. Let us see the wounded Christ in every suffering neighbor, the pilgrim Christ in every refugee, the broken Christ in every hospital bed. To do so is to carry forward the flame of remembrance into living service.

And so, beloved, may the Lord who called St. John the Baptist to prepare the way, and who called the Hospitallers to bind wounds in His name, call us anew this day. May He strengthen us in compassion, guide us in service, and grant us courage to be His healing presence in a hurting world.

Sir Knight James Ryan Bradtke, Associate Grand Prelate and Commissioned Templar Chaplain

Michigan Templar Notable Shots



November 1st inspection of Pontiac No. 2 was a great event with an Order of the Temple and amazing grub. Not plain fare that a pilgrim needs but savory dinner such that knights love.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan had nine officers present at the Ohio Grand Session. The reception and courtesies extended were wonderful. Ohio is never short on hospitality, you do have to endure a few Ohio State/University of Michigan digs, but fortunately they were pretty quiet with regard to Lions and Tigers this year. If you have never travelled to other states for their grand conclave, to a Triennial, or to the East Central Department Meeting, you are missing out on rich Templar fellowship. It is really great to develop relationships and get a glimpse of national scale.



Michigan Grand Commandery officers waiting to be received in Ohio.

Grand Prelate's Pen

Greetings Sir Knights All, Happy Thanksgiving!

I remember as a child sitting around the Thanksgiving table with my mom, brother and grandma about to enjoy wonderful meal they spent the day preparing. We would take our turn as directed to give thanks for something and *maybe* a prayer would be said. Later that day at my father's home my brother and I would repeat similar tradition with one exception, prayer was offered at Thanksgiving and at *every* meal. Sitting at church later that day the Pastor said "with prayer and supplication *with Thanksgiving...*" Philippians 4:6-7. As I didn't ask my dad and being an impressionable youth I understood the Pastor's meaning to be: *we pray only at Thanksgiving*, as this was common at mom's home. I really should have been more persistent with my questions.

Giving thanks to God is an amazing and powerful way of showing Him our love. That His Son did not die in vain on my behalf, or yours. Before my feet hit the floor most mornings, I give thanks for His blessings in my life. Sometimes it's a "thank You dear Jesus, I love You", "Thank You for Your Word" Other times I thank Him for much more. - **Hebrews 12:28** "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe." - **Colossians 3:15, 17** "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one

body; and be thankful. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.”

This one (and others) is difficult for me sometimes. I don't always feel like rejoicing, sometimes my circumstances are not ideal. I really enjoy praying, more especially for others but I can't do it without ceasing.

Now, being thankful, being grateful to the Lord that He is with me especially as I go *through* the hard times. That He will never leave me or forsaken me, I'm thankful for that. I am thankful for my wife and family, my home, my church. I am thankful for big hearts and short memories.

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends.” I am thankful for the USMC as they celebrate their 250th birthday on the 10th November and the USAF who celebrated their 78th on 18 September. I am thankful for my fellow Veterans who love God, Country and the Constitution. I am thankful for the strength God has given the persecuted churches worldwide, keep them in your prayers. I am thankful for my Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights. There are so many things we can be thankful to the Lord God Almighty for. Even if you can't think of anything, just say “thank You Lord Jesus, I love You,” He knows your thoughts - **Psalm 139**.

I am thankful we live in a Country where we can still praise the Lord, and we should do it often! Reflect on Psalm 100:1-5.

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

Matthew G. Kent, KYCH, Grand Prelate of Michigan



ON THE RADAR

Inspections, please continue to attend your own inspections, it is one of the biggest days of the year for your commandery. Also travel to visit the neighboring commandery inspections.

Knighting new members is off to great start this year. 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.

November Inspections – please get reservations in for any with meals

- November 8, 2025 St. Bernard Commandery No. 16 and St. George Commandery No. 52 Joint Inspection, 1:30 pm opening, Ladies Program, and Dinner at 3 pm. No Order of the Temple.
- November 13, 2025 Lansing Commandery No. 25, Dinner 6:30 p.m., Ladies Program, and 10 Man Opening at 7:30 p.m. with no Order of Temple.
- November 14, 2025 Niles Commandery No. 12, 7:30 p.m. 10 Man Only
- November 14, 2025 DeMolai Commandery No. 5, 7:30 p.m. 10 Man Only
Call Mike Clark for current dinner details and start time.
- November 22, 2025 Northville Commandery No. 39, 9 a.m. Opening and Order of the Temple, no ladies program, brunch following.
- November 22, 2025 Grand Commander's Home Commandery Inspection, Jackson Commandery No. 9, 2:30 p.m. Chamber, 3 p.m. Opening and Order of the Temple, Ladies Program, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- November 22, 2025 Mt. Clemans Commandery No. 51, 2:30 p.m. Chamber, 3 p.m. Opening and Order of the Temple, Ladies Program, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- November 24, 2025 Genessee Valley Commandery No. 15, 2:30 p.m. Chamber, 3 p.m. Opening and Order of the Temple, NO Ladies Program, Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- December 6, 2025 Detroit Commandery No. 1, 12:30 p.m. Chamber, 1 p.m. start of Opening and Order of the Temple, Ladies Program, 5 p.m. Dinner (Contact SK David Hutton, Detroit Recorder for details and RSVP).
- November 27th Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!