

Grand Commandery of New Mexico – January 2026



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Grand Commander's January 2026 Address

Sir Knights,

As we enter the year 2026, we stand at the threshold of new beginnings. The turning of the calendar is more than a passage of time—it is an invitation to renewal, to purpose, and to the blessings that await those who walk faithfully and courageously.

Scripture reminds us, *“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?”* (Isaiah 43:19). This promise speaks directly to the spirit with which we begin this year. God is ever at work, opening new paths, refreshing old commitments, and calling us to rise to the opportunities before us.

This year, I am asking each Commandery across New Mexico to take up a simple but powerful charge: **to knight two new Sir Knights in 2026**. This is not merely a numerical goal—it is a statement of confidence in our future, a commitment to strengthening our ranks, and a declaration that New Mexico Templary will grow, thrive, and shine as an example of unity and purpose.

Every new Knight strengthens our witness. Every new Knight expands our capacity for charity, fellowship, and service. Every new Knight ensures that the legacy entrusted to us continues with vigor and honor.

As we begin this year, let us also claim the blessings promised to those who walk in faith. *“The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in all that thou settest thine hand unto.”* (Deuteronomy 28:8). May this be our banner for 2026—that whatever we undertake in His name will prosper, uplift, and endure.

To every Sir Knight across New Mexico, and to our Companions and Brothers around the world, I extend my heartfelt wish for a prosperous, healthy, and blessed New Year. May your homes be filled with peace, your endeavors with success, and your hearts with renewed purpose.

Let us step boldly into 2026 with faith in God, confidence in one another, and a steadfast commitment to the noble cause we serve.

In Faith, Unity, and Service,

E. Hans Schmidt

Grand Commander

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