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Greetings, Sir Knights.

As we step into a new year, it is natural to pause and reflect on the one that has passed. The past year carried its share of challenges, lessons, and moments of growth. It also offered reminders of what matters most—family and friends, faith, and hope for what lies ahead. Each experience has helped shape us and prepare us for the days to come.

A new year also brings opportunity. It invites us to set goals, to dream again, and to choose kindness, gratitude, and perseverance each day. It's a chance to mend what's been broken, strengthen relationships, and serve others with compassion. Small steps taken consistently can lead to meaningful change, and even the simplest acts of love can have a lasting impact.

As we look ahead, may this year be filled with peace that steadies us, joy that renews us, and hope that guides our path. May you find strength for each challenge, wisdom for every decision, and gratitude in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life.

May the days ahead be marked by purpose, growth, and blessings, and may this new chapter bring opportunities to flourish and make a positive difference in the world around us.

Happy New Year!

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua J. Nay".

SK Joshua J. Nay
Grand Commander

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 1, 2026 – Stated Conference, Harrisburg, PA (by invitation)

Feb 28, 2026 – Northeast Section Reception, Ashland, PA

Mar 14, 2026 – Northwest Section Reception, Ambridge, PA

Apr 4-5, 2026 – Easter Sunrise Weekend, Arlington/Alexandria, VA

Apr 11, 2026 – Southwest Section Reception, Canonsburg, PA

May 29-31, 2026 – 173rd Annual Conclave, King of Prussia, PA

Commandery Anniversaries in January

York-Gethsemane No. 21 – January 19, 1865



Associate Grand Prelate's Message

Read Psalm 111 "I Will Give Thanks to the Lord With My Whole heart"

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

I am writing to you again as we begin a new year. For Templars, we are more than halfway through the Templar program year. Much has been accomplished and much yet remains to be done until our Annual Conclave in May. Some of us have participated in the conferring of the Orders of Templary in our Commanderies and are engaged in welcoming new Sir Knights into our fellowship. Others are beginning to practice for conferrals in the months ahead. Many others are being faithful in keeping on keeping on and some may even be discouraged at the level of participation of our knights.

At several of my former church appointments, we would engage in what we called "God Hunts", where we would seek to identify instances where we had experienced the presence of God and His grace in our lives. The purpose was to change our normal habits of accepting everyday life as humdrum and normal. For example, one might mention how they called someone they had been thinking about and discovered that the recipient really appreciated getting that call, because their week had been very difficult. Others might remember how forgetting where they had laid their keys and the need to search delayed their departure, only to discover that an accident had just happened moments before they arrived on the scene along their regular route. Others might have noted that a loved one responded exceedingly well to medical treatment and were back to their usual place at home.

Others might put these all down to chance or happenstance, but as people of faith we are reminded that it is important to pay attention and to give thanks to God for the many blessings we receive day to day. If we are too busy and rush through our days, we miss out on discovering these incidents of God's grace. If we do stop and reconsider, we will indeed know the presence of our God who loves us and sustains us day by day. I pray that throughout 2026 you each may take time to thank God for all that God has done for us in 2025 and is doing in 2026. May this year be a year of blessing for us all.

Fraternally yours,

Sir Knight and Reverend David A. Eichelberger, KCT, IKT, PDC NO. 2

Associate Grand Prelate



The Sir Knights of Hospitaller No. 46 made a generous donation to the New Love Center, a food bank in the Lock Haven area, and were recognized in the [local news](#). Well done, Sir Knights!



Sir Knights of Jacques De Molay No. 3, St. Omer's No. 7, Kedron No. 18, and McKean No. 80 at the Division 4 joint conclave in Washington, PA.



At the joint conclave of Dieu Le Veut No. 45 and Melita-Coeur De Lion No. 17, S.K. Anthony J. Lucidi, Jr., was recognized for his 50 years of membership and service to the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. In attendance to present the awards were the presiding officers of the three York Rite bodies – S.K. and M.E. Comp. Eric C. Stahley, MEGHP, S.K. and M.P. Comp. Mark D. Gall, MPGM, and S.K. Joshua J. Nay, REGC.



We had a great turnout from the Sir Knights and Ladies of Division 11 at the joint conclave and Christmas Observance of St. John's No. 8 and Lewistown No. 26 in Lewistown.



Following the Christmas Observance at Kensington-Kadosh No. 54 in Bristol, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their annual Cookie Auction. They generously donated \$600 from the proceeds to make 20 Pennsylvania Sir Knights new Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Thank you for your support, ladies!





With approval of the Grand Commander, S.K. Christopher D. Reed, Division Commander for Division No. 11, recently launched a new “Traveling Sword” within our Grand Commandery. The purpose of the Traveling Sword is to promote the camaraderie that results when Sir Knights travel and visit other commanderies, as well as to instill pride and passion through some friendly competition.

To claim the Traveling Sword, three or more Sir Knights from a commandery, one of which **MUST** be the Eminent Commander, need to visit a stated conclave of the commandery in possession of the sword. If two commanderies come to claim the sword, the one with more Sir Knights present will receive it. Note: “Grand Line” officers and Division Commanders do not count toward the number present.

At the time of writing this, the sword is at York-Gethsemane No. 21 in York. Let us know where it goes next!

Send photos of your commandery conclaves and events (along with a caption) to the REGC (josh.nay@gmail.com) for inclusion in future issues of the PA Crusader!