



**NEWS for February 2026**  
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## **Greeting Fraters!**

**I do not have any official visits this month since February is often the toughest month to travel around the state.**

**The link to the website for the Grand Sessions should be up and running. There are several things which will be going on at the sessions including the “Cigar and Whiskey” degree which is a fun degree where all proceeds go the CMMRF (Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation). Last year we made \$1000 in donation to CMMRF and we are hoping to do even better. No drinking or cigar smoking is required to participate and it is a degree where the ladies (and anyone else) can partake in the degree as well.**

**Speaking of the ladies, we are working to have a ladies program at the Grand Sessions this year. While the final program may not be out by February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will get out the information as soon as possible after that. We hope that all**

**of your ladies will attend the Grand Sessions as well. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual sessions.**

**It is hard to believe that we are already nine months into the term. I have really enjoyed the year so far and look forward to the final months.**

**I still believe that restarting the drill teams in our local Commandries is a great way to introduce another activity for our Sir Knights to participate in, as well as bringing in new members into our Asylums. Your District Instructor or the other Grand Commandery officers can help explain how to start the process and can help get the information to the interested Commandery.**

**During my Official Visits, I have asked the Commandries to consider proposing a minister to partake in the Holy Land Pilgrimage. This is one of the ways we can interface with individuals who are not Knights Templar and provide an opportunity to help spreading the Word of our Lord and Savior. If a Commandery has questions about the Holy Land Pilgrimage they can look on the Grand Encampment website or talk their District Instructor.**

**Again, thank you for allowing me to be your Grand Commander this term. It is truly an honor for me to work with you and for you.**

**In His Name**

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