



NEWS for March 2026
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Greeting Fraters—

Welcome to March! Hopefully, winter will be moving on by the time you read this. It has been a bit of a wild winter this year.

The first item I want to discuss is our upcoming Grand Sessions. All elected Commandery officers are expected to attend our sessions. I understand that there are times when life interferes with our ability to do what we want to do. But, if possible, I am asking that you plan to attend our Grand Sessions.

We will have a Ladies' Program again this year with a trip being planned for an off-site lunch and a visit to the Shrine Hospital. I am hoping that you will honor us by bringing your lady with you to the Grand Sessions.

Grand Sessions are a great opportunity to reconnect with your Fraters from around the state and to meet new friends. I encourage all out you to make the effort and join us in May.

I originally planned to have three official visits this month but

had to move one due to changes in their meeting dates. The Focus did not have the change from two years ago and I chose the wrong date. Please remember it is the Commanderies responsibility to ensure that any changes to time or place of your meetings. This will help both Grand Officers and other Sir Knights who want to visit your Commandery to make it on the right day and time. I have will be having official visits at two Commanderies, and the schedule is listed on the upcoming events page. I hope to see some of you there if your schedule allows.

We, as Knights Templar, are in a unique position in the York Rite. There are many sources of information out there in the media, movies and games and television shows where our predecessors are brought up and which can be used as starting points for conversations and to identify with others an interest in our craft.

I have discussed the Knights Templar with a number of younger members who are interested in Freemasonry at least partly because of the Knights Templar of old. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the past. One good book on the subject is John Robinson's *Dungeon, Fire and Sword*. Many lodge libraries have a copy of this book and it is readily available on the second-hand market.

Again, to end this month's Focus article, try to make it to this year's Grand Sessions. We hope that will be an adventure for all of us.

In His Name

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