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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 May 2026 edition of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan update and Knights Templar Magazine Supplement.

#### **Grand Commander Message**



In with the May Flowers, I pray you all are safe and were not affected by the flooded basements and high water of April. Last month seemed to be very busy from Easter observances, to installations, scholarship awards, and the Indiana Grand Conclave. The month ended on a sad note with the loss of Grand Prelate Emeritus SK Larry Hyde and PGC First Lady Jean Roggow. Please remember the families as we mourn their loss.

As we transition into May, there are a lot of Templar Orders planned around the state, including several Order of the Temple dates. Please check the Grand Commandery website [michigantemplar.org](http://michigantemplar.org) to find out where things are happening. If you have not already done so, please register

on the website to access member content not visible to the public. Let's do some traveling in May and June to support these Commanderies who are performing ritual work. Many extra hands are usually welcome and sometimes needed.

Finally, May is Grand Session for Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan held in Mt. Pleasant. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Mike Roberts has requested an honor guard for his installation. The Grand Captain General SK David Heise is organizing the effort. Please reach out to SK David to let him know you can participate in Class A uniform. We need a good turnout to honor and support RWB Mike as he takes the reins of our Grand Lodge. The Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council will also have two tables set up at Grand Lodge, plan to stop by to say hello and bring buddy masons by who may be interested in the York Rite of Free Masonry in Michigan.

## Michigan Templar Notable Shots

Michigan Templars were spread out once again on Easter, having observances in Michigan at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek and Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. We also had 5 sir knights in Arlington, Virginia for touring the George Washington Masonic Memorial, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, paying respects to two senior De Molay soldiers from Detroit who were killed in combat, and to participate in the Easter sunrise service.



The George Washington Masonic Memorial and the Commandery Chapel are amazing and worth the visit to Arlington.



It was great honor to lay a wreath at Arlington with Lady Holli and sir knights of Michigan. The wreath was laid to pay respect to those lost their lives serving this country, including Holli's uncle who died in South Korea in 1951. Michigan followed wreath layings by other states in the East Central Department, including Indiana and Ohio. We also supported Florida as they paid their respects. The Most Illustrious Grand Master and SK Al McCay and his grandson then took us to the graves of two senior De Molay who lost lives in combat.





Arlington Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial



The Sir Knights of Southwest Battalion at the Easter Sunrise Service held at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek, Michigan.



The Sir Knights of the Central Battalion at the Easter Sunrise Service held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

### INSTALLATIONS



MWB Past Grand Master and sir knight, Dean Barr and sir knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1 were supported by a very full asylum on inspection night.



On a smaller scale, Jackson Commandery No. 9 held their annual installation, with newly installed Commander SK Jonathan Ferguson, supported by the dogs Ginger, Dottie and Mr. Wrinkles.

### **INDIANA GRAND CONCLAVE**



Beautiful Grand Ladies from Michigan enjoying Friday Night Banquet



Ready to be received are the Michigan Grand Commandery Sir Knights joined by our Right Eminent Department Commander who we still claim as our own.



Detroit Commandery No. 1 welcomes 11 new Knights of Malta on April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have candidates for Order of Malta, Detroit Commandery No. 1 frequently holds the full form order. Ask them if you can bring candidates, or get your new Knights of Malta who had short form to Detroit Masonic to witness the impressive full Order.

## A Templar's Heart

Just as the physical heart is at the center of our bodies, the heart is a metaphor that describes our spiritual center. The heart is seen in our loves, fears, and joys. Our hearts are open to God's influence, but also shaped by our decisions. Hearts can be godly, as when our fear of offending God guards our actions, or when our love leads to self-giving service. But our hearts can also be ungodly when our love of money, position, and power becomes our greatest passion. Much like the Pilgrim Warrior when confronted with the lying deceits and vanities of the world, our struggle with competing vanities is the defining drama of life.

**Sir Knight Darrell Brockway, EC , Pontiac Commandery No. 2**

### The Prelates Pen



Greetings Sir Knight's All,

With May comes new life to the Earth from hardy April rains, sometimes too hardy. It is also the month when we honor the men and women of our U.S. Armed Forces who gave all so we can have the Freedoms and protections we enjoy in America. More especially in this, our 250th Birthday as One Nation Under God.

It is customary during formal Navy and Marine Corps dinners or events that I have attended, that a lone, unoccupied table be set aside in a corner of the room. It would be draped with fine white linen, an elegant setting for one. A single slice of lemon is placed on the plate. One rose in a vase with a yellow ribbon tied around it in remembrance for the one not there. Salt, an inverted glass, single white candle burning and the Holy Bible.

The meaning of "The POW/MIA or Missing Man Table" can be found here:

<https://powmiamemorial.org/education/the-missing-man-table/>

When a Brother lays down his working tools we might drape the altar and Charter in remembrance and give a moment of silence as he has joined the Celestial Lodge, one not made by human hands.

When a fellow Sir Knight lays down his Sword and Buckler it reminds me of Psalm 24:

***1**The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; **2** for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. **3**Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? **4**The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. <sup>a</sup>**5**They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. **6**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek Your face, God of Jacob. <sup>b c</sup>**7**Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. **8**Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. **9**Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.*

***10**Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—He is the King of Glory.*

As we remember our Fallen Service Members this Memorial Day, let us also remember our Fallen Sir Knights Templar. Although I know them not to be U.S. Military men, they are now part of The Lord's Angel Armies. They were, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR!

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

Gratefully - **Matthew G. Kent, PC, Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery KT of MI**



## **ON THE RADAR**

There are 4 months left in the Templar Year before August 22, 2026 and there is much to accomplish:

- Recognition, please nominate Sir Knights for their hard work and service. The website has forms for various recognition awards
- May 9<sup>th</sup> memorial services for SK Larry Hyde, KTCH and Grand Prelate Emeritus, Homer Masonic Lodge, 1pm to 5pm, with Masonic Service at 2pm, officiated by Worshipful Brother Russ Chapel.
- May – June Instruction Season, our Instructor General, SK Ron Hessman and the Instruction Board instructors will be reaching out to schedule a time for school

of instruction with each commandery. Please be proactive and discuss at an upcoming conclave to identify a date to ensure one is scheduled in 2026.

- Michigan Grand Lodge, May 17-19. York Rite bodies will two tables, stop by to visit and bring your lodge brothers who have questions about the York Rite. **PLEASE** plan to support the May 19<sup>th</sup> Honor Guard for Right Worshipful Brother Mike Roberts's installation as our next MW Grand Master of Masons of Michigan. Any questions please contact SK David Heise, Grand Captain General. Bring your Class A uniform and sword to Grand Lodge so you can participate.
- Several Templar Orders throughout the state, please visit [Michigantemplar.org](http://Michigantemplar.org) for more details and the calendar.

**SIR KNIGHTS THIS SUPPLEMENT IS YOUR PLATFORM TOO, PLEASE SEND THE EDITOR CONTENT, PHOTOS, AND EVENTS TO SHARE WITH OUR GRAND COMMANDERY COMMUNITY. I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE INTERESTING CURRENT EVENTS AND TEMPLAR HISTORY TO SHARE. WE HAVE A PROUD HERITAGE SINCE 1850 AND GREAT THINGS HAPPENING TODAY – LETS TALK ABOUT IT.**

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