



GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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I hope the summer season was relaxing and gave the opportunity to rest and relax, both physically and mentally. As you read this “Indian Summer” is upon us, warm days and cooler nights and the days, minute by minute, are getting shorter. The “Back to School” sales, which it seems started July 4th, signal the start of another academic year.

Sir Knights, mentally and physically rejuvenated by the warmth of summer, once again don their mantles and take up their duties as our Commanderies, once again, become active. The York Rite bodies have been active over the summer months, bringing in new companions and brothers. The Grand Commandery officers have been busy behind the scenes working on many projects. Their endeavors will be discussed at the Top 3 meeting, scheduled for September 12, 2026. The Top 3 meetings are open to all Sir Knights and your attendance is welcome.

The Commanderies should be conferring the Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta, this month in preparation for the Knighting Festival in November. Please remember to advise the Grand Recorder and me at least two weeks prior to you giving these orders. Also, please make sure your candidates are entered into MMS. If they are not documented, they don't exist.

This year, I have focused on taking care of ourselves and our brothers. To that end, the Atlantic-Cape Out of the Darkness Walk, New Jersey's largest suicide prevention event, is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2026, at the Boardwalk, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City. Check-in is at 9:00 AM, start time is 10:00 AM. It is a 1 -3 mile walk and is free, although donations are welcome.

Last month's message was written to make you think about belief, which is the foundation of our vows. In the coming months, I will attempt to build upon this foundation.

Sir Knights, I look forward to seeing you as we become more active and I have the opportunity to travel and visit our Commanderies. Please reach out to members we haven't seen for a while, for whatever reason, to let them know they are not forgotten.

Yours in Christ

SK George R. Saunders

Right Eminent Grand Commander

