

Grand Commander's report for Q3 of 2026

Good day Sir Knights!

I sit once again to express to you all the joy it brings me to lead our Order throughout the state of Maryland as Grand Commander. And this missive is bitter sweet because it will be my last in that capacity. I have spent two wonderful years, building friendships, promoting Templary, and learning so many things, while traveling and administering to state affairs. It has been both a rough and glorious road, but at the end of it, a journey well made and fruitful. I thank all of you for being part of that, and supporting the Grand Officers in performance of their duties. Your cooperation made all the difference and is the cause of our success as a body. Truly a team effort, for which I will be forever grateful.

As our Annual Sessions approaches (October 2026 in Ocean City, MD.), my Deputy and long time friend, SK George Christoff, is preparing to succeed me as REGC. I enjoyed the work, but am anticipating my transition to PGC. I can move on to other projects that being REGC does not afford the time to, yet also assisting SK Christoff in whatever tasks he needs help with. Becoming a Past Officer in MD. just means you have new projects to promote; no one truly walks away. As I hand him

his sword that day, he will know my sword is his as well, in that familiar bond that is Templary.

Of course, I owe a huge debt to my officers who tirelessly toiled at my directives and did the heavy lifting these two years. Each one of them is appreciated more than I can say, but men, thank you for all you've done.

And to the women that supported all of us, especially my wife, Lady Marcella, and of course my daughter Daeley June, I say congratulations on fine work Chartering the new Cockeysville SOOB chapter, and thank you for everything. You are part of the strength that endures within our ranks, as none of us Sir Knights could have been present, or fed, without your encouragement and support. We the Knights Templar of Maryland salute all you do.

I could take 6 more pages to thank everyone who was part of my term, for it truly was a mass team effort, the REGCs from the MidAtlantic, the Officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Commander advisors, and the support cast that help us sustain our actions. But for brevity, I will say only that I will spend the rest of my masonic career fondly remembering, and quietly trying to repay, all the help and friendship you have given me; inspiring effort that is part of who I am as a Brother and Companion. I love and thank you all.

In Christian Brotherly Love,

SK Scott G. Lapp, KCT, REGC

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of MD.