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**Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies, Companions and
Brothers All!**



Welcome to the October 2026 edition of the Grand
Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan update and Knights Templar Magazine Supplement.



Grand Commander Message

I look at October as the start to autumn, where the leaves start to change, and the apple, and pumpkin seasons. We find farmers in the fields plowing, and preparing them for winter, and soon the leaves will fall to the ground, and then comes more yard work. These changes happen, because that is the way God intended it to be, He gives us time to prepare for the long winter months, and in the spring, he prepares us for the hot summer days.

In the same way, we as Knights Templar here in Michigan know that October brings annual inspections, and many commandries are preparing for that to happen, with sharpening their skills, and working on tactics, and ritual. I encourage you to be a unite, and work together to help one another through these changing seasons, the hardest time for most in our fraternity is the short daylight, and colder temperature months. If you check with those members and ask if you can help them, or get them to meetings, or your annual inspections, would be a great time to get them back.

Hospitalier Sunday is coming up, you are required to attend church as a commandry or battalion, alternate dates are allowed.

Let Brotherly Love prevail!

Knighting's

On Monday September 28, 2026, Detroit Commandry #1, had a very special knighting with Eminent Commander, and Past Grand Master Dean Barr of Detroit #1, knighted SK Graig Mason, Past Grand Master of Michigan in the Beautiful Asylum of the Detroit Masonic Temple.



Bark River 1313





September always brings the Bark River 1313 Commandery Tour. Sir Knights and Ladies head north of the Mackinaw Bridge to inspect and assist our three Upper Peninsula Commanderies. This year there was some during the annual ceremonial which resulted in many laughs and new members of this mystical commandery. The Bark River Tour remains headquartered in Manistique, which provides a beautiful location to explore and spend time together. While the Sir Knight's met on Friday and the ladies took the opportunity to attend a class on candle making. On Saturday we had a fantastic day, the Grand Officers and four Past Grand Commanders witnessed for the first time, the Commandery's of Sunrise 34, and Lake Superior 30, performed the ten-man opening on their own. This is great news that these two Commandery's can work together. I witnessed SK Gerald Girard, the Commander of Lake Superior 30, doing the opening, and Order of the Temple, in the Commander seat. I was impressed, and SK Girard should be proud of the work that was done, He did a fantastic job. On Saturday night SK David Hutton held the Bark River Quiz show. It was so funny, and the answers given were very hilarious. SK David had all of us laughing, and the coat was sparkling, and Lady Amy Hicks played Vanna.

In Iron Mountain the home of Sunrise Commandery, one new Sir Knight signed the rolls of Lake Superior Commandery. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to the 2027 Bark River Tour which will again be headquartered in Manistique, and being planned by our Grand



Senior Warden SK James Omlar. The upper peninsula of Michigan offers great views of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. A wonderful backdrop for the annual Bark River Tour.

A Message from the Grand Prelate October Reflections: Walking in Service, Standing in Brotherhood

Dear Sir Knights,

As we enter the vibrant and busy season of October, I pray that each of you finds renewed strength, joy, and purpose in the work before us. The crispness in the air and the turning of the leaves remind us that change is both natural and necessary—a reflection of the living journey of faith and service we share as Knights Templar.

This time of year, calls us not only to prepare within our own Commanderies, but also to extend our hands and hearts outward. Our Order is strongest when we stand beside one another. Fellowship is not simply a virtue—it is a blessing that multiplies when shared.

I encourage each of you to take this season as an opportunity to visit, assist, and uplift our neighboring Commanderies. Whether it is helping with an event, supporting an inspection, joining a conclave, or simply being present in fraternity, your efforts bring light where it is needed most. A small gesture of support can reinforce the bonds of unity that define us as Christian Masons.

Let us remember the words of Scripture that remind us to “encourage one another and build one another up.” In every Commandery that welcomes you, in every Knight you greet, you have the chance to embody that call.

May your travels be safe, your fellowship be warm, and your service be guided by the love of Christ. Thank you for all you do—not just within your own walls, but throughout this great jurisdiction. Together, we strengthen the fabric of our Order and shine forth as examples of faith in action.

God bless you all in your work this autumn.

Fraternally and faithfully,

Dean Barr; Grand Prelate



ON THE RADAR

October 25, 2026- Joint Grand York Rite Reception at Brookshire Golf Club, Williamston, MI 48895. For information and reservations Gene Newman, or you may contact the editor at the above referenced email address.

Hospitaller Sunday, Central Battalion is hosting knights/ladies on Sunday October 18th at the Kirkridge Presbyterian Church 8070 South Saginaw Road, Grand Blanc, Mi. at 9:30am (assembly at 9:15 am).

If your commandery has candidates, your Grand Commandery is here to help give them a special day in your asylum. We are here to fill gaps as needed or organize traveling team. Don't wait, we can help.

September Inspections

September 21, 2026- Ann Arbor Commandry 6pm, ten- man opening

September 26, 2026- Lake Superior, Sunrise joint inspection, Bark River Tour, Order of the Temple

October Inspections

**October 3, 2026, Howell Commandry No. 28, Chamber at 1:30, 2:00pm opening,
Reception of Grand Officers, followed by the Order of the Temple,
Dinner will follow the Order**

**October 6, 2026, Romeo Commandry No. 6, Port Huron No. 7, Joint inspection
Order of the Temple, ten men opening@ 7pm**

October 26, 2026, Durand Commandry No. 21 inspection, ten- man opening@ 7pm

Early November Inspections

November 2, 2026, Jackson Commandry No 9 inspection, ten man opening

**November 4, 2026, Marshall Commandry No 17, and Columbia No 18, joint Inspection,
ten-man opening at 7:30, Pizza will be served at 6:00pm**

**November 5, 2026, Monroe Commandry No. 19, dinner @ 6pm, ten- man opening, 7pm
Ladies Program**

**November 7, 2026, Pontiac Commandry No. 2, chamber@ 1:30pm, 2pm opening and
Order of the Temple. Reception of Grand Officers, Dinner@ 5pm, No
ladies program this year**

November 7, 2026, Peninsular No. 8, and Niles No. 12, Joint inspection, ten- man opening at 7pm

November 9, 2026, Adrian No. 4, dinner@ 6pm, ten- man opening at 7:30, Ladies program

November 12, 2026, Lansing No. 25 Opening Time: 7:30 pm, Dinner: 6:30 pm, ten men, Ladies Program: Possibly depending on the RSVP, Reception of Grand Officers: No, Order of the Temple

November 13, 2026, DeMolai No. 5, dinner@ 6pm, ten- man opening @ 7pm, no Ladies

November 18, 2026, Muskegon Commandry No. 22, dinner @6:30pm, ten- man opening@ 7:30pm

November 19, 2026, Saint George #52, ten-man opening at 6:30pm

November 21, 2026, Mt. Clemens Commandry No. 51, ten- man opening, Chamber @ 2:30, opening @ 3pm, Order of the Temple, dinner to follow.

Saint Bernard #16, November 14, 2026, ten-man opening at 2pm, dinner to follow, no Ladies program this year

Northville Commandry No. 39- Date to be determined

Lexington #27, Date to be determined

Saint George #52, Date to be determined

Caledonia #60, Date to be determined

December inspections

December 14, 2026, Genesee Valley Commandry No. 15, Chamber at 2:30pm, opening at 3:00pm, followed by the Order of the Temple, dinner will be held after the order, Ladies program will be provided

January Inspections

January 30, 2027, Detroit Commandry No. 1, Full form opening, Chamber @ 12:30pm.



Out of State Grand Session

On September 20-21, 2026, the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, joined the REGC and his wife in Lexington Kentucky for their Grand Commandry Session, we had a nice time, great hospitality, and fellowship.



Outdoor RAM degree day

On September 12, 2026, Our Grand Generalissimo David Heise, and REGC Rutherford attended the outdoor all degree day for RAM's. We witnessed fourteen new Companions being raised to Royal Arch Masons, my desire is to see these fourteen new companions, become Templars. If these new companions are in your local chapters, please help them join your Commandry's

These new companions expressed a desire to be Templars so lets us do the right thing and not have them wait.



Past Grand Prelate Prayer

My goal for the Grand Prelate's Pen was to write a monthly address to accompany our own Grand Commander's address and hopefully inspire the Sir Knight's and all who might read it to walk more closely to Christ. In addition, I share the following thoughts:

In the past few months there has been tragedy that struck our Country and Christians as a whole; regardless of political affiliation. 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 3:13 and Luke 21:31 tells us that these times are to be expected. Now, I'm not saying the end times are here. I am saying that Satan is still roaming around *like* a lion looking for someone he might devour. More importantly God is on the Throne and Christ Jesus was, is and will be Victorious in EVERY battle!

We need to put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) and maintain situational awareness. Pray for those whose families have been affected by the killing of innocents doing God's work. Like the children at Minneapolis Catholic school who were murdered while praying. Charlie Kirk, a Christian warrior and modern-day Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was assassinated for expressing his Biblical beliefs in a world that desperately needs to hear it. Finally, the families in Grand Blanc while attending Church this past Sunday who were killed or injured by mad man who drove his car into their place of worship, started shooting the congregation while their church caught fire.

In ancient times the Knights Templar protected traveling pilgrims to the Holy Land. We must today protect innocents from the evil in the world. Prayer is our strongest weapon, and God hears our prayers. Listen for what He puts on our hearts and be courageous to call evil what it is. I'm not writing this as a doom and gloom article and *certainly it is not a call for violence*. This is a

call to prayer for each other and a call for godly men to act as if Christ Himself is standing next to you, because He is!

Matthew G. Kent, KYCH, Past Grand Prelate of Michigan