

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to the Southwest Department Conference. I will be starting my official visitations this month I am looking forward to visiting each Commandry.

Here is something upon which to reflect this month.

The Vigil of the Hallowed: A Reflection for October

Greetings, Sir Knights and Valiant Companions of the Order.

As the autumn winds grow cold and the leaves fall to their final rest, we reach a season of profound spiritual significance. While the world may dwell upon the shadows of the evening, we as Templars look toward the brilliant light of the "Hallowed" ones who have paved the way before us. This month, we prepare our spirits for the vigil of All Hallows' Eve.

All Hallows' Eve

Saturday, October 31, 2026

The very name we utter carries the weight of our ancient tradition. In the tongue of our English brethren, a saint or holy person is called "hallowed." Thus, the eve before the great feast is [All Hallows' Eve](#)—the sacred vigil before we honor the Church Triumphant.

- The Communion of Saints: We stand in anticipation of the [Solemnity of All Saints](#) on November 1. This is the day our Order honors all who dwell in the presence of God—not only the legendary martyrs of our history but also the humble family members and fellow knights who have reached their eternal goal. We celebrate the [Communion of Saints](#), that mystical bond between those of us still in the struggle and those who have claimed the crown.
- A Legacy of Transformation: Our history is one of sanctifying the world. In 615, Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon—once a den of Roman paganism—to the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs. By 844, the feast was moved to November 1, ensuring the harvest season was dedicated to the glory of God rather than ancient superstitions.
- The Mystical Body in Action: While modern customs offer innocent mirth and reminders of our mortality, the true Knight uses this evening to find balance. By honoring the saints and remembering our departed loved ones, we see the [Mystical Body in action](#). We earn graces for our own souls through prayer and steadfast action.

The Knight's Charge

Fellow Knights, as the nights grow longer, do not fear the gathering gloom. Instead, let us "hallow" the darkness with the light of our devotion. Let this vigil be a time to reflect on the martyrs who stood firm in their faith and the saints who even now intercede on our behalf. We are part of a lineage of faith that death cannot sever.

May we always be ready to answer the call, following in the footsteps of those who have already conquered the grave.

Non.Nobis?Domine?Non.Nobis?Sed.Nomini.Tuo.Da.Gloriam;

Courteously and Fraternally,

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