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Sir Knights,

I hope you are enjoying the fall so far and the beautiful weather that comes with it.

Commanderies across the state have returned to their asylums following the summer call off, and I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling to attend your conclaves. My thanks for the hospitality and all the courtesies that have been extended to Lady Kathy and me in our travels. We also deeply appreciate the donations that have been made to Give Kids the World, our charity of choice this year. Your generosity has truly touched our hearts.

You, as individual Sir Knights and as commanderies, have also stepped up to answer the call as we work to get Pennsylvania to be the next Grand Commandery to reach 100% Life Sponsorship of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We continue to make great progress toward achieving that goal. For those who aren't yet Life Sponsors, consider making just a one-time \$30 donation and help change the lives of deserving children. Click here to become a Life Sponsor!

A quick reminder - As noted in General Order No.1, every commandery must perform the Rehearsal of Duties AND the Memorial Cross twice this Templar year. Please be sure to include those in your plans if you haven't already.

The feedback I've heard about the new Sword Proficiency Bar has been very positive so far. An encouraging number of Sir Knights have been certified already, and many more have shared their plans to do so. When you are ready, I encourage you to connect with your Division Commander to schedule an opportunity to stand for certification. For more information and to see what a Sir Knight must perform to be deemed proficient, be sure to read General Order No. 6 on our Grand Commandery website.

Thanks for all you do for Templary!

Mark Your Calendars

Oct 13, 2025 Division 8 Joint Conclave, Butler

Oct 24-26, 2025 Grand Commandery of Massachusetts & Rhode Island, Mansfield, MA

Nov 7-9, 2025 Division Commanders' Seminar, Elizabethtown

Nov 22, 2025 Divisions 10 & 12 Joint Conclave, Youngsville

Dec 1, 2025 Division 1 Christmas Service, Philadelphia

Dec 5, 2025 Grand Chapter December Communication (this is a Friday evening)

Commandery Anniversaries in October

Mt. Olivet No. 30 – October 15, 1867

Mary No. 36 – October 18, 1869

Constantine No. 41 – October 31, 1871

Centennial No. 55 – October 18, 1876

Oriental No. 61 – October 2, 1883

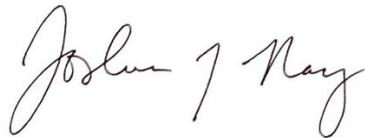
McKean No. 80 – October 28, 1902

Samuel Yohe No. 81 – October 23, 1903

Mt. Hermon No. 85 – October 11, 1906

Lorraine No. 87 – October 1, 1883

Courteously,



SK Joshua J. Nay
Grand Commander



Associate Grand Prelate's Message

Dia duit,

Spooky season is here, and we see the signs of it all around. For many people this is the start of the cold dark part of the year in which they dread. Some people look forward to the changing of the leaves to a variety of colors. Some people find all of the Halloween stuff evil and dark, something to be done away with, while others love it. Regardless of your personal feelings about the month of October, I encourage you to look at it as a time of reflection.

Many cultures the world over celebrate some form of final harvest festival during this time of year. A time to bring in the last of the crops and take a break after a long, hard summer of work. While most of us do not get to take the winter off from work, it is good to look back on what has been accomplished. Whether that is in your personal life, the life of your Commandery or in the life of the community in which you live. Celebrate these accomplishments.

Look forward also to the trials and challenges ahead. What do you have coming up? What do you hope to accomplish in the coming year? How can you prepare for these things. What can you do to serve God by serving others in the coming months?

I will demonstrate a small version of this. Under accomplishments for this past year, I worked with twenty teenaged children at church camp this summer and even had one who made a new commitment to Christ at camp. For trials, I know that next year will be hard trying to balance work and Masonic life as I am in the East for my Lodge's 150th anniversary. I celebrate the joys and look forward to what I get to do. Now my list is short here but longer in relativity. But I encourage you to make a similar list. Look back and ahead. Look at what you have done and what you are about to do.

Now that you have some type of list, how do you see God in it? How do you see the Savior of the world moving in your past and future? How do you see the Holy Ghost going before and behind you on your pilgrimage through life?

For me, God was moving in the life of the little girl who committed her life to God this summer. She does not live in a "Christian" home but has felt God working in her life. It was a beautiful thing. Looking to the future, I know that God will be with me through the challenging year ahead to get done what I need to get done.

Use this time to reflect, think back and prepare for the future. Remember also, that "the LORD your God is with you wherever you go". (Joshua 1:9) If God is with us, is there anything we cannot do?

In Christ's Love,
S.K. Pastor Josh Yorks
Associate Grand Prelate



Sir Knights in attendance at a joint conclave of Crusade No. 12, Calvary No. 37, and Mt. Hermon No. 85, held in Danville.



Sir Knights at the joint conclave and "Knightly Feast" of Northern No. 16, Baldwin II No. 22, Hospitaller No. 46, Potter No. 69. Special thanks to SK Cal Wynkoop for the amazing meal!



A Memorial Cross was formed during the Templar service in Gettysburg. S.K. John H. Austin, R.E. Department Commander of the Mid-Atlantic Department of the Grand Encampment, joined us.



Sir Knights from the Northeast Section participated in the planting of a Liberty Tree in the Borough of Tamaqua.



Sir Knights attended a Southeast Section Workshop in Bristol.

Send photos of your commandery conclaves and events (along with a caption) to the REGC (josh.nay@gmail.com) for inclusion in future issues of the PA Crusader!