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Greetings Sir Knights,

First of all, I would like to thank the Sir Knights for all their hard work and dedication in striving to be 100% life sponsors in the KTEF. With your continued support and the Grand Commandery's donations to research, great strides will be made in finding cures and preventions for childhood blindness.

As the summer season starts, I encourage all Sir Knights to spend as much quality time with their families as they can, because we all know that summer flies by very quickly, so enjoy any time you get to spend with them and be safe if you are traveling or vacationing.

Since I have been installed, I have been to three official visits, consisting of 5 commanderies, and Vermont's annual conclave. The outreach of support has been phenomenal. It is an honor and a pleasure to spend time with all the Sir Knights.

Right now, there is a Traveling Sword that is to help encourage visitations between Commanderies, and it is currently being held by Huntingdon Commandery No. 65, NO Wait...it is now at Lewistown Commandery No. 26, NO Wait...It is now at Hospitaller Commandery No. 46. This sword is moving faster than a cat on a hot tin roof. The challenge is out there for a commandery to come and take it.

The One Day Conferral of Orders will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at Rimrock Masonic Center, 2720 Rimrock Dr, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I truly hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer this year.

In His Service,
Troy A. Mock, REGC



“Spes Mea in Deo Est” or “My Hope Is In God”

Associate Grand Prelate's Message

Dear Fraters,

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” — 1 Peter 4:10

This year, as our nation observes America’s 250th birthday, the semiquincentennial, the Fourth of July gives us more than an opportunity for fireworks, cookouts, parades, and familiar patriotic songs. It gives us a moment to pause and reflect deeply on what our country stands for, what it has meant across the long sweep of history, and what it still calls us to become.

Every Independence Day invites that kind of reflection, but this year especially so. Two hundred and fifty years is not a small milestone. It is long enough to see the blessings, the courage, the sacrifice, and the noble ideals that helped shape this country. It is also long enough to see our failures, our conflicts, our divisions, and the many ways we have not always lived up to the principles we proclaim.

And yet, that is part of the American story. Despite the conflicts of partisan politics, which, if we are honest, have always been woven into the fabric of our national life, the United States has continued to stand as a beacon of ideals and freedom for people around the world. From the liberties declared in the Declaration of Independence, to the hope embodied in the Statue of Liberty, America has always been aspirational. At our best, we are not a nation claiming perfection. We are a nation striving toward a promise.

That promise is not only political. For Christians, and particularly for Knights Templar, it is also moral and spiritual. We are called to receive the gifts God has given us and use them in service to others. St. Peter reminds us that grace is not something to be admired from a distance. Grace is to be stewarded. It is to be put to work. It is to be lived.

That means we should not simply think about being better men, better citizens, better Christians, and better Fraters. We are called to actively labor toward that betterment. We are called to strengthen our own character, yes, but not for our own sake alone. We are called to serve our families, our communities, our Commanderies, our churches, and our country. The gifts we have received are not ours to hoard. They are entrusted to us so that, through us, others may be strengthened, encouraged, protected, and blessed.

As Knights Templar, we inherit a tradition that speaks often of duty, honor, and Christian witness. Those words must be more than ceremony. They must shape the way we live. To be a Knight is to understand that freedom carries responsibility, that faith must bear fruit in service, and that noble ideals require daily discipline.

So, this Fourth of July, celebrate gladly. Give thanks for this nation and for those who have sacrificed to preserve its liberties. But also take time to think about the aspirations of our Founding Fathers: to build a better nation, to protect liberty, to seek justice, and to make this world better than they found it.

May we receive that calling not merely as citizens, but as Christian Knights. May we see it as a sacred duty and as a reflection of the grace God has so generously given us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
SK Rev. Brandon P. Cooper, AGP, PC

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!



Constans Commandery No. 33



Joint Conclave with Prince of Peace No. 39, Packer No. 23 and Shamokin No. 77



Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 3



Joint Conclave with York-Gethsemane N. 21, Bethel No. 98 and some visitors from the south, S.K. Scott Lapp, REGC of the Grand Commandery of Maryland with several of his officers. There was a meal prior to the meeting and several Knights Templar Scholarship Foundation checks were awarded to the scholarship recipients.





Baldin II Commandery No. 22



St. John's Commandery No. 8



S.K. Christopher D. Reed, EGJW, was received at Peninsular Commandery No. 8 in Mattawan, Michigan by S.K. John Blanchard, EC, and the other Sir Knights while on a trip to that area. S.K Reed was made an Honorary Member of the Commandery.



Sir Knights of Hospitaller Commandery No. 46 acquiring the Travelling Sword from Lewistown Commandery No. 26. It's moving north Sir Knights. Who will get it next.