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My Brother Knights,

As we move through another month, I am reminded of how blessed we are to live in this great nation we call the United States of America.

Our love for this country runs deep because America is built upon a remarkable idea: **"We the People."** Our Constitution gives us the freedom and responsibility to determine our own future—to shape our nation through our voices, our choices, and our commitment to the principles upon which this country was founded.

That freedom did not come without a price. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the men and women of our Armed Forces who have stood watch over our nation, both at home and around the world. To our veterans, our active-duty service members, and their families: thank you. Your courage, sacrifice, and dedication protect the freedoms we too often take for granted.

And let us never forget the ladies who stand beside our military, our families, and our Knights. Their love, strength, patience, and support are blessings beyond measure. They are an important part of everything we accomplish.

As Knights Templar, we are called to be men of faith, men of character, and men of service. We must continue to honor our traditions while looking toward the future with courage and hope. Let us be an example of what it means to love our country, serve our communities, support our families, and stand firmly for what is right.

Most importantly, let us keep God at the center of all that we do. We worship and serve **the one true God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. In a world that can sometimes seem uncertain, our faith reminds us that we are never alone. His light gives us strength, His Word gives us direction, and His love gives us hope.

My Brother Knights, let us go forward together with our heads held high and our hearts full of gratitude. Let us proudly honor our flag, respect those who defend it, cherish the freedoms entrusted to us, and live each day worthy of the blessings we have received.

May God bless each of you, may He bless our families, may He bless the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

In God We Trust.

Yours in Christ and in the bonds of Christian knighthood,
Troy A. Mock, REGC



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

Associate Grand Prelate's Message

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.” Ephesians 2:19-20

Beloved Fraters in Christ,

The passage above from Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us of the beauty of God's intention to bring all people together in Christ, no matter their nationality, denomination or any other type of distinction which separate us in this world. In Paul's era that referred to the big distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, Romans and non-citizens, barbarians and civilized peoples. Putting our faith and trust in God as shown to us in the love of Christ was what could overcome those natural divisions.

Sadly, we still can see how people look for divisive issues to separate the 'us' from the 'them'. Indeed, many denominations find that they can only assure their own cohesion by disparaging others who have differing opinions or traditions. In my family, as a child, I heard stories of how my parents were warned to beware the “shouting Methodists” on their way to Sunday School at the German Reformed church. Other families were often divided when young adults would marry outside their own faith tradition. How this must sadden our Lord and Savior who prayed that we might be one in the Holy Spirit.

I am so thankful that in our lives as Knights Templar we do not have doctrinal tests in order to belong. We are encouraged to live out our lives faithfully as we understand God to be leading us. We hearken to Christ's command to do good unto others and to treat them as we ourselves want be treated. In feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and binding up the wounds of the afflicted we offer Christlike love to those who are in need.

Uniting under the beauceant, we are indeed no long strangers to one another but Brothers/Fraters who find our unity in Christ. If there is brokenness within our Commanderies, let us be quick to bring reconciliation. Let us then do our utmost to share the love of Christ within our Commanderies and across our Grand Commandery so that others will see our good works and give thanks to God for our witness and our service in our Savior's name.

Your Frater in Christ,
SK & Rev. David A. Eichelberger, KTCH
Associate Grand Prelate



The Annual Assembly of the Knights of Pythagoras and the Ruth Mitchell Tucker Girls Youth Dept. SK Troy A. Mock, REGC, seated front left, SK Richard K. Brown, GSwB, standing behind SK Mock.



The One Day Conferral of Orders at Samuel S. Yohe Commandery No. 81 in Stroudsburg, PA.



Representing at the Little League World Series in Williamsport carrying the banner in the parade.

