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My Dear Sir Knights,

November has arrived, and with it comes one of the most beautiful seasons in our great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The hills and mountains come alive with brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold. The air turns crisp, the leaves begin to fall, and we are reminded of the beauty of God's creation and the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

For many of us, Fall is more than a change of seasons. It is a time of tradition, family, friendship, and memories that last a lifetime. In my family, November brings to mind the traditions of hunting, making homemade sauerkraut, and gathering with friends and family. These are simple pleasures, but they hold a special place in our hearts. They connect generations, strengthen family bonds, and remind us that some of life's greatest blessings cannot be bought—they are found in the time we spend together and the memories we create.

As we carry on these traditions, let us remember the importance of passing our values on to the next generation. Faith, family, hard work, loyalty, and service are the foundations upon which strong families, strong communities, and a strong nation are built. These are also the values we should demonstrate as Knights Templar.

My Sir Knights, we must never forget who we are and what we stand for. We are members of a Christian order, called to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to support those in need, and to be examples of faith and integrity in our communities. Let us be men who do not simply speak about our Christian values but live them every day. Let our families see them in our actions, our neighbors see them in our service, and our fellow Sir Knights see them in our commitment to this great Order.

As we enjoy the hunting season, prepare our family recipes, and gather around the table with those we love, let us also remember those who may be spending this season alone, those who are struggling, and those who need a helping hand. Reach out to a brother Knight. Visit someone who may be lonely. Offer encouragement to a family in need. A simple act of kindness can make a tremendous difference in someone's life.

I also encourage each Commandery to continue working diligently to strengthen our membership, improve our ritualistic work, support our charities, and make our presence known throughout our communities. Let us support the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, and our

Masonic Youth organizations. These efforts are not merely obligations; they are opportunities to put our faith into action and leave a lasting legacy for those who follow us.

As we look at the changing leaves, remember that change is a natural part of life. But while the seasons change, our principles must remain steadfast. Our faith in God, our commitment to Jesus Christ, our love for our families, and our dedication to the Knights Templar must never waver.

May we continue to thank God for our families, our friends, our beloved Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the freedoms we enjoy in this great nation. May He watch over our military personnel, our veterans, our law enforcement officers, and all those who stand ready to protect and serve others.

My Sir Knights, let us make this November a season of gratitude, brotherhood, and renewed purpose. Cherish your family traditions. Make time for your friends. Help your neighbors. Stand proudly for your faith. And remember that the greatest legacy we can leave behind is not what we accumulate, but how we serve God and how we treat our fellow man.

May the Lord bless each of you and your families, protect our great nation, and continue to guide the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania in the important work that lies before us. God bless you, my Sir Knights, God bless the Knights Templar, and God bless the United States of America!

In His service,
REGC Troy A. Mock
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania



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

Associate Grand Prelate's Message

Dia duit Sir Knights,

November is here and the weather has begun to turn. It is at this time of year that hot coco, hot cider and hot tea seem far more appealing than any cold drink. The weather turns cold and we tend to head inside. And it is inside that often gives us the greatest chance to think. What do you think on when you have time to do so alone?

We may think of things we do not want to face. We may think of mistakes we have made in the past. We may also think about those we have lost over the years. But we should also think of the things we are proud of. We should think of those who are in our lives that we are thankful for. We should think of the gifts and blessings God has given us.

Veterans Day is at the beginning of this month, and we should be thankful for all the veterans that have sacrificed and served so that we can be safe and warm on those cold nights we have in November. Do you have a veteran in your life you can thank or one that has meant a lot to you that you can remember at this time of year?

Thanksgiving is only two weeks after that. What are you thankful for? What can you focus on when you are inside with your hot drink? We are so very blessed in this country, even if we have lots of things that we can complain about.

Think about all of the things we can be thankful for. If we focus on the bounty of our blessings, the problems start to shrink back into their rightful size. The natural world is getting darker as the days shorten, and sometimes it feels like that is happening in our personal lives as well. In the same way we put on all the lights in our homes to drive back the dark, we can trust in the true light of the world to drive back the darkness in our hearts.

Let us thank God for the gifts we have received. Let us praise him for all we see around us that brings us joy. Let us trust in Him in our Darkness and know he will bring light.

Be thankful for your gifts. Thank a Veteran for your Freedom. And praise God in all things.

Courteously and in Christ,
SK Pastor Josh Yorks, AGP



5th Annual Knights Templar Church Service held at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Kittanning, PA.



Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 knighted seven new Knights Templar. Congratulations!



The Grand Commanders visit to a combined conclave of Kensington-Kadosh Commandery No. 54, St. John's Commandery No. 4 and Mary Commandery No. 36 at the asylum in Bristol, PA.





SK. Troy A. Mock, REGC and Lady Sherri visit with the Sir Knights and Ladies of Centennial Commandery No. 55, Coatesville, at the Brass Eagle Restaurant for their 150 Anniversary Dinner.



SK Troy A. Mock, REGC visit to Duquesne Commandery No. 72.



Central Section School of Instruction. Thank you to all for attending.



Sir Knights, I hope you remembered to turn your clocks back. Yes, this means it will get darker earlier in the evening, but remember, even when the skies are the darkest our light should still shine as a guide for others.