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### **Fraternal Greetings!**

November is a special month and very important for many of us, our country, and the Knights Templar. In this month, we celebrate Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

Veterans Day falls on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November. This should be a reflective observance for the men and women who have served our country. These brave soldiers from the American Revolution to present, have made an ultimate sacrifice to leave their loved ones and country for our freedom. We should be thankful for their return and remember those who did not.

For us, as Knights Templars, we should hold the sense of duty and honor and thank God every day for our flag, our country, and our veterans.

Thanksgiving Day falls on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. This is the day we celebrate with our family and friends and be thankful to the blessings our Almighty God provided us. We should pray for our bountiful meal shared with our family and friends, remember those who are less fortunate, our military, that our Lord will keep our country safe and keep us on the path of Christianity.

Also pray for our Fraternity and the Knights Templar as a whole. Please pray for a momentous celebration at the Bicentennial Year celebration, bless the Grand Line and all Sir knights that work tirelessly in making the Virginia Knights Templar grow, progress and successful.

There are many exciting programs being introduced and implemented by the Knights Templar of Virginia to strengthen the Grand Commandery and its constituents.

The Knights Templar number one priority this year is membership.

There are approximately 28,000 Craft Lodge Masons in Virginia who are not Knights Templar. There are approximately 2,700 Royal Arch Masons in Virginia who are not Knights Templar. Unfortunately, only about 5.5 percent of the 28,000 Craft Lodge Masons in this great Commonwealth are Knights Templar. We can and must seek out these brothers and companions and challenge them to join our cause, to take up the sword and to fight under our banner.

There are many ways to recruit new members. Personal contact is number one and always a good way to spread the word about Knights Templar. We will have a larger audience if we visit the Lodges and Chapters. I am asking that each Commandery arrange a visit with the local Lodges and Chapters. Take as many Sir Knights as possible to this meeting in uniform, present a

program about the York Rite, have petition on hand and ask Brothers and Companions to join our cause and support the Christian Religion.

Emphasize that every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar. Remind them of our Christian Religion and our way of life.

Hold a get together and other activities with family, friends, and the community to remain visible and spread the word about Knights Templar.

Please remember that the Grand Commandery of Virginia and the Grand Encampment have Annual Recognition Awards for individual Sir Knights for recruiting new members and signing petitions. There are also Awards and Trophies for the Constituents Commanderies for creations and reinstatements.

We should continue these efforts throughout the year. I look forward to seeing the results of this challenge for the next years to come.

I always look forward in meeting and greeting all of you during all my visits across our great Commonwealth.

On a different note. The Bi-Centennial Celebration will be held at the next Grand Conclave on May 4-6, 2023. We are working tirelessly to make this a memorable occasion, so lots of preparations are on the way. We are creating a Souvenir Program to be included in the time capsule. We request that you be part of the celebration and consider buying an ad or ads for the Souvenir Program. For more information, please e-mail: [ktvabc2023@gmail.com](mailto:ktvabc2023@gmail.com) or send ad information at: <https://forms.gle/vwgt64hF2tNppJS6>.

I appreciate the diligence, untiring work and unconditional support of all Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, Grand Aide de Camps and Committee Chairs. You are inspiring. This is a **TEAM** that works at its best. **Together Everyone Achieves More!**

Until then, I remain your humble servant.

**In His Service and Yours,**



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May this pin remind you of the "Shield of Faith" and to put on the "Armor of God" everyday