



Connecticut Knightly News



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

My Dear Fraters,

Thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving as Grand Commander for this Chivalric Year. I pledge that I will do all in my power to deserve your trust and to carry on the great traditions established by my predecessors.

Our focus this year will be on building and strengthening our constituent commanderies. There are several commanderies that are doing well and exemplifying outstanding work. They are to be commended for their fine efforts. Several of our commanderies are struggling and we need to develop ways to assist them in their rebuilding. We have the resources to see this work to fruition – outstanding Sir Knights with expertise in ritual, program planning, and organizational procedures. I am appointing a long-range planning committee to look at our statewide structure to see how we can adapt to best serve the needs of our Fraters and to build Templary in CT in the years to come. Faced with rising costs of operating and maintaining our Asylums, aging membership, and a greatly reduced Masonic fraternity, we must make some tough decisions, “look outside the box,” and work together to keep our Order a viable force for God’s work in our community and the world.

Among new programs being initiated this year will be a Statewide Picnic to be held on the grounds of Ashlar Village, a Habitat for Humanity project, and a Grand Commandery Degree Team in conjunction with the York Rite College to assist struggling commanderies in portraying the Orders. We will continue the Eminent Commander’s Achievement Award Program, the Easter Sunrise Service at Masonicare, Ascension Day Service sponsored by the Clark Commandery Association in Torrington, and the St. John’s Day Services. I encourage each commandery to develop programs to invite masons and non-masons to attend our events and see the good work and traditions we enjoy.

If we are steadfast in our determination and resolved to do our best for our fellow Sir Knights and our beloved Order, working together for our mutual improvement and advancement, we cannot fail to succeed. Let us then dedicate ourselves anew to our Great and Glorious Work, consecrating our efforts to the Glory of God, and to the honor of Templary.

May God Bless you and our beloved Order.

In Templary,
Bruce R. Bellmore, REGC 2009-2010

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Sir Knights and Ladies of Connecticut thank you for your continued support for our K.T.E.F. We have joined the Knight Templars of other states in this on going financial support for the past year. We must continue through out the coming year as well.

A special thank you to Lady Lori and her supporters for all they do in raising donations for this great cause.

Fraternally
S.K. Jack H. Stevens, G.C.G. CT Chairman K.T.E.F.
Remember, we give that others may see.
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NEWS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

Washington No. 1 Sir Knight Paul A. Edberg, Eminent Commander Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, Recorder

April 7th - Stated Convocation; Rehearsal of the Order of the Temple by the Past Commanders Association

April 10th - Good Friday Observance -2:00pm Conferal of the Order of the Temple

April 21st - Stated Convocation; Rehearsal Order of the Red Cross

New Haven No. 2 Sir Knight Ray Tomlinson, Eminent Commander Sir Knight Leonard H. Bucher, Recorder

April 10th - Good Friday Observance; 12:00pm Lunch, 1:00pm Order of the Temple

April 17th - Stated Convocation; 6:15pm Dinner, Reception of our New Grand Commander

Stamford-Clinton No. 3 Sir Knight Charles D. O'Neill, Eminent Commander Sir Knight Charles A. McCollum, Recorder

April 10th - Good Friday Observance - 7:30pm Joint Conferal of the Order of the Temple with Crusader No. 10 in Danbury

April 23rd - Stated Convocation; Rehearse Full Form Opening and Rehearsal of Duties

Hamilton No. 5 Sir Knight Edward R. Ham, Eminent Commander Sir Knight James S. Demko, Recorder

April 10th - Good Friday Observance - 3:00pm Converal Order of the Temple presented by Past Commanders. Dinner following the Order.

April 16th - Stated Convocation - Rehearsal Long Form Opening.

Palestine No. 6 Sir Knight I. William Clark, Eminent Commander Sir Knight John A. Birdsall, Recorder

April 23rd - Stated Convocation; Rehearsal Long Form Opening and the Order of Red Cross.

Cyrene No. 8 Sir Knight Robert N. Jones, Eminent Commander Sir Knight Vincent A. Cowie, Recorder

April 14th - Stated Convocation; Rehearsal Long Form Opening

St. Elmo No. 9 Sir Knight Richard A. Eppler, Eminent Commander Sir Knight Clyde W. Kayser II, Recorder

April 21st - Stated Convocation; Conferal the Ill. Order of the Red Cross and the short form Malta. Dinner with the Red Cross - open at 6:00pm

May 19th - Stated Convocation; 6:15pm Dinner, Conferal Order of the Temple for Grand Inspection.

Crusader No. 10 Sir Knight William R. Deickler, Eminent Commander Sir Knight James A. Backus, Recorder

April 10th - Good Friday Observance - 7:30pm Stated Convocation; Joint Conferal of the Order of the Temple with Stamford-Clinton No. 3

St Johns No. 11 Sir Knight Kenneth R. Sheldon, Eminent Commander Sir Knight William F. Lot, Recorder

April 20th - Stated Convocation