

## MARYLAND SUPPLEMENT



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Sir Knights,

As you can see, May will be a busy month. I will be attending three out of state Grand Sessions starting with Virginia and then continuing with West Virginia and Pennsylvania in the middle of the month. I hope to bring back some ideas on how we may improve Templary in Maryland from these visits. I have gotten some good ideas from recent trips to Delaware, Washington DC and North Carolina and from my visits to several Maryland's Commanderies. Some of those ideas will be shared with you at the Semi Annual Conclave on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will be balloting on several very important items at the Semi Annual. The first is the budget for the coming Chivalric year. Just as many others, we have suffered a reduction in the value of our investments from the economic setbacks besetting the nation and world. We have been lucky to have PGC Aughenbaugh watching over our funds so our unrealized losses have been low to date. We have had to trim some expense items in anticipation of a lower income over the coming year.

We will also be balloting on some Constitutional changes. Most of these are of the more mundane clerical type to clean spelling, grammar and make things clearer. Others are to place past changes in their proper place within the Constitution. Then there will be some proposed changes to bring us up to date with the world.

The final ballot will be for our 2009-2010 Officers. All of this and committee reports will start at 9:00 A.M. May 9<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Lodge in Upper Marlboro. There will be coffee available at 8:30 A.M. All Sir Knights are invited to attend to see what their Grand Commandery is doing. After lunch we will be installing the Diaz officers for those Commanderies who wish to participate.

### Here are some other dates you may wish to mark on your calendars.

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Council Semi Annual Meeting
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Lodge Semi Annual Meeting
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Chapter Semi Annual Meeting
June 19 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Cruise
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hershey Youth Trip
Aug 16-19 <sup>th</sup>	Tri Annual in Roanoke Virginia
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tri State Orders @ Valley Forge
Sept 11-13 <sup>th</sup>	North East/Mid-Atlantic Conference Linthicum
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Bull & Oyster roast
Oct 23-25	Maryland Grand Sessions in Aberdeen

The Tri-State Orders at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania is set for August 28 – 29<sup>th</sup>. You may check-in on Friday evening and the Orders will be conferred on Saturday. Maryland will again start the day off with the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. This is an especially enjoyable event, come out and be a part of it. This year ladies are also invited to come along. While the SKs are enjoying the Orders, they may enjoy an informal tour of Valley Forge or take a relaxing walk around the grounds. Meals will be available at the Freedom Foundation for the SKs and their Ladies.

It is with a deep sense of loss that I report the passing of Past Commander Carl J. Cicchetti, Sr. His Templar Memorial service was held on March 30 with over 20 Sir Knight in uniform attending. The Grand High Priest and the Illustrious Grand Master stood as Honor Guards while PGC Aughenbaugh and EPC Orrt lead the service for their fallen Companion. Carl served as Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 8 and was their current Recorder. In addition to his activities with the Commandery, Carl served as Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 93, and presided in Baltimore Chapter No. 40, Adoniram Chapter No. 21, Jerusalem Council No. 2, and Acacia Council No. 24. He was also Grand High Priest of Maryland in 2001. We will all miss him.

Please don't forget the less fortunate around us. Remember our basic tenet of Brotherly Love and offer a helping hand to the distressed and fallen. Above all, remember the men and women in our Armed Forces serving in so many places around the world. They have sacrificed so much for our safety. With so much unrest and hostility in the world, I encourage you to say an extra prayer for them and their families wherever they are.

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
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