

# NEW YORK SUPPLEMENT



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## Grand Commanders July Message

It does not seem possible July is here already. In a very short time it will time for Grand Commandery to be held in Rochester. Many things have been planned for this year's Grand Conclave. We have planned a fun weekend. Your Grand Line Officers and the Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies have worked hard all year long and will have to go back to work after the Grand Conclave. So Grand Commandery should be a time to relax and have fun.

Friday night will be a Sock Hop, so bring your Leather Jackets, Poodle Skirts, Saddle Shoes and Penney Loafers. Saturday night's entertainment will be "Legend" the band from Detroit, Michigan.

I hope to see all of you at our annual Grand Conclave so I can thank you personally for all the hard work you have done this year.

There are also changes to the Tactics this year that must be voted on.

I look forward to greeting you at Grand Commandery in September.

Fraternally,

David L. Lathers

Grand Commander

## Zone 12 Meeting Held

On Thursday, April 30, Commandery Officers and Deputy Zone Commanders met under the leadership of SK Lee Garrison, Zone Commander for Zone 12.

The general outlook of the meeting centered on the April 29 meeting of Sir Knights in Lockport, New York for the purpose of organizing Genesee Outpost back into Genesee Commandery #10. Over twenty five Sir Knights attended, including Grand Commander David L. Lathers.

Genesee Outpost has been plagued by membership decline as well as leadership problems the last few years. Past Commanders and past line officers are now few and far between at the Outpost, and this has made it difficult to recruit new members and carry on as a functioning Commandery.

As a result of the turnout on April 29, the Commandery was opened in full form with the presence of a core of five Sir Knights from Genesee #10. The balance of the line was filled by the other Sir Knights from surrounding Commanderies in Zone 12. It was quite a night and gives rise to a hope that this Commandery can be rebuilt with new blood and by its own members.

At the Zone 12 meeting, much discussion ensued as to ways to help the Commandery take hold again and flourish. Summing up the discussion, Zone 12 Commander Lee Garrison said, "We have planted the seed—let's see if we can work together to make it grow".

This statement, plus the positive remarks from the Sir Knights at the meeting, coupled with the Grand Commander's remark from the previous evening leads us in Western New York to believe that there is hope for Genesee Commandery. The Grand Commander stated, "It is up to Genesee to decide their fate. They should contact the Zone Commander to let him know how they feel about their Commandery".

If they want to do it, there will be plenty of help as there was on April 29.

Nice work Zone 12.

## Grand Commandery Dinner

The Grand Commandery of New York will host a dinner for all New York Knights and their Ladies on Monday, August 17, 2009 at the Tri-Annual Conclave of the Grand Encampment being held in Roanoke, Virginia. Please make your reservations with SK Steven Wing by August 1, 2009. (The place and time to be determined.) Call 585-493-2386 or Email: blisswings@yahoo.com

# Templar History

The Grand Master in Templary was and is the supreme authority of the Templar Order. In the early days of the warrior Knights Templar, the Grand Master answered to none except the Pope.

Originally, once the Grand Master was elected to the office, he served for the remainder of his life. In the days of the crusades, this often meant a short life as Grand Master since in early times even he had a position that was far more than just an administrator.

Also, in early times, each country had its own Master, but the Grand Master was over them all. He oversaw military operations and was responsible for all of the business dealings and ventures of the Order.

In olden days, the right hand man to the Grand Master was the Seneschal—which translates into today's world as the vice president of a corporation. He looked after many of the administrative duties of the Grand Master

There was a definite hierarchy in early Templary that was fashioned for the militaristic society it once was. Today we see our modern hierarchy in a more different role—that of administrative. Our militaristic character is now more show than force.

## A Message From Your Editor

I know what it means to me to be a Knight Templar. Often, I feel like I am on top of the world when I think about my role in Templary. It is an exciting feeling to know you belong to one of the world's oldest institutions—especially one which has the rich history of the Templars.

I often wonder how other Templars think about themselves as Sir Knights—and I feel that maybe you should tell me your feelings on what it's like for you.

I now will offer you the opportunity to tell me in a few words how your life has been influenced by Templary and how you feel being a Knight Templar.

This should make for some interesting comments and I look forward to seeing them soon. Anyone interested in telling me about their KT experiences is welcome to send me a Word document (no Vista—my system is 2003 Word), which may be used in a future publication.

I look forward to hearing from you and possibly seeing you at the Triennial in Roanoke, Virginia this August. Send your emails to: davidp@beenews.com. I hope to be overwhelmed by your responses.

May Templary thrive.

Right Eminent David L. Lathers Grand Commander cordially invites you to the one hundred ninety sixth annual Grand Conclave to be held on September 18th, 19th, and 20th at The Double Tree Hotel, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, New York.

Room reservations to be made directly with the Double Tree Hotel telephone (585) 475-1510 or (800) 222-Tree

Please use code: GC1 for special rate: \$119.00

Deadline is August 17th 2009

All meal reservations must be accompanied with your check payable to: Grand Commandery NY Conclave Fund

Mailed to: Larry Dunn

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Friday Banquet..... @ \$40.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch-Mens..... @ \$22.50 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch-Ladies..... @ \$22.50 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet

Prime Rib..... @ \$45.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Fillet of Salmon..... @ \$45.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Chicken French..... @ \$40.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Farwell Breakfast..... @ \$20.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

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