



# Pennsylvania Crusader

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**John W. Hawk**  
**R.E. Grand Commander**

## Knighly Greetings!

The Month of July offers most Sir Knights the opportunity to take a short breath and to rejuvenate themselves. I ask you to take this opportunity to join in parades and to celebrate with our families all of our freedoms. Take some personal time to reflect on what this great nation is all about. Include in your thoughts and prayers the fine young men and women who are serving our nation, both at home and abroad. They are a continuation of the great line of patriots who have served throughout our history.

Patriotism is many things to many people. Most people think that patriotism is honoring the flag, but that, although extremely important, is just one point. Patriotism to me is self-pride. It is knowing that you are doing things well, and doing the right things. Whether it is conferring ritual or tactics or seeing that the elderly are cared for, that the schools are properly funded and staffed, that the injured and sick are being healed, or that the down trodden are being clothed and fed- all fall under the idea of self pride and patriotism.

There is also an inner patriotism, which reflects our core values towards our family, our friends, and our fellow citizens. In all that we do we must remember to think and reason before we act, listen before we speak, and feel compassion before we harshly judge. These words apply more especially to those fine ladies and men who are associated with Knights Templary

When we practice the above and pull together for the united good of all, the entire world will notice that this is truly The United States of America, and that our American Flag represents the very best aspects of a united citizenry.

The words above were written several years ago by Sir Knight George A. Hulsinger, and they are every bit as relevant today as they were then.

Be sure to join us in Warren, PA on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August for a Testimonial Dinner honoring the Grand Commander. Invitations and reservation forms are in the mail. Also, be sure to join us in Gettysburg on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September for the Division 11 Reception and Memorial Service to be held at the Friend to Friend Monument.

Yours in Templary,  
John W. Hawk, GC  
July 2009



The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania invites all Sir Knights and their ladies to the annual Gettysburg Memorial Weekend on September 19 and 20, 2009.

The Eisenhower Inn and Convention Center, (Business Route 15 South) will be headquarters for the weekend activities.

A social hour will be held Saturday, September 19, at 5 PM, followed by the Division 11 reception honoring Sir Knight John W. Hawk, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander will follow at 6:00 PM, in the Eisenhower Inn ballroom.

The Grand Commandery will hold a Memorial Service on Sunday, September 20, at 9:30 AM, at the "Friend to Friend" monument. All Sir Knights will form at the entrance to the Monument Area at 9:15 AM.

Hotel Reservations are to be made directly with the Eisenhower Inn on:  
**800-776-8349.**

The Inn will offer a Knight Templar rate of \$85.00 + tax. Hotel reservation deadline is August 29, 2009.

Additional details are available from Sir Knight Ray Sheaffer, Division Commander No. 11 by E-Mail: rks1945@aol.com.

## 2009 Itinerary of the Grand Commander

### July

1	Conewango Council No. 243, A.M.D.	Jamestown, NY
11	PA Council of Deliberation	Seven Springs Pa
25	York Rite Picnic	Pittsburgh, Pa
29	Central Section Workshop	Huntingdon, Pa

### August

8	Northwest Section Workshop	Grove City, Pa
16-19	Grand Encampment Triennial	Roanoke, Va
22	Grand Commander's Testimonial	Warren, PA
29	Testimonial, Doug Crum, MPGM	Grantville, PA