



## WEST VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT

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To the Sir Knights and their Ladies:

We now have a more difficult task facing us, and that is membership loss. I am calling on our state Membership Chairman, to work with the membership chairman of each and every Commandery in West Virginia to find ways to hold down or eliminate suspensions and demits. Maybe we need to make our conclaves more interesting. We could work on Tactics or have someone speak on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, or Education Foundation, or Holy Land Pilgrimage or show a movie on some of these topics. Also to hold as many of the Observances as they can with a meal and invite the ladies, also appoint a calling committee to call our Sir Knights and invite them to each meeting.

Next to use the amnesty program to restore those who have been suspended for non payment of dues. We know every Commandery needs to grow, not only in numbers but also in love and respect for one another, and to hold on to what we have. I would like each Recorder to send the names and telephone numbers of any Sir Knight about to be suspended, to the Membership Chairman so that he can make personal contact with the Sir Knight, before he is suspended. We have a big task trying to replace our deaths with new Sir Knights. My slogan this year is "Change, Direction." Again this year I will be asking you to support our Charities. The Eye Foundation, The Education Foundation, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

I am asking Edward E Ball, EGCG along with his committee to be creative and see if we can get enough interest and, if so, arrange for the Easter Trip. We need to know the number of people wanting to go by December 1, 2009 so we can make a decision.

God Bless the Grand Commandery, God Bless the United States of America and God Bless each and every one of you.

I THANK YOU,

G. Ray Baker  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

## 2009 – 2010 Inspections\*

**Wheeling #1 & Weirton #30**, July 25, 1 PM open at Wheeling, Ladies invited with meal to follow, Inspecting Officer – P. Davis, GJW (swap with E. Ball)

**Pilgrim #21**, Sept. 19, 1 PM open at Elkins, Ladies invited with meal to follow, Inspecting Officer – E. Ball, GCG (swap with P. Davis)

**Calvary #3**, October 24, 1 PM open at Parkersburg, Ladies invited with meal to follow, Inspecting Officer – A. Leach, GStB

**Clarksburg #13**, Nov. 7, 1 PM open at Clarksburg, Ladies invited with meal following, Inspecting Officer – P. Davis, GJW

\* - Please notify the Grand Recorder of additions or corrections to the schedule

**Editors Note:** If your Commandery or Division's inspection is not listed, I did not get the details in time for publication. For publication in the August edition please have information to me by June 22.

### Grand Officers Meeting Schedule

July 25, 2009 – Wheeling, 10 AM, (H. Alt, GG, Chair)

October 24, 2009 – Parkersburg, 10 AM, (E. Ball, GCG, Chair)

March 2010 - TBD date, time and location, (S. Wilson, VEDGC, Chair)

May 2010 – at Grand Conclave, (R. Baker, REGC, Chair)

### New Grand Officers Appointed / Elected

SK G. Ray Baker, REGC appointed Sir Knight F. Paul Baker, PC of Wheeling Commandery #1 as Grand Sentinel. Congratulations, Paul, and welcome to the Grand Commandery line.

SK G. Butler Adkins, PGC, was elected to the office of Grand Recorder. We extend our congratulations and wish him all the best as he takes on this new office. Our sincere thanks go to SK C. H. "Dick" Wyatt, Past Grand Recorder, for his service these past three years.

### Grand Encampment 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial

The Grand Encampment's 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave will be held August 15 through 19, 2009 in Roanoke Virginia. Visit [www.KnightsTemplar.org](http://www.KnightsTemplar.org) for more details.

**Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe Independence Day!**

