

# Connecticut

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## Knighly News

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Sir Knights,

It is hard for me to believe that we are in August already. When I was a young man, my father told me that once you reach the age of 21, the years begin to pass faster and faster. To me, at least, he was absolutely correct. It seems as though I wait all winter for spring and summer to arrive, and before you know it, we are approaching fall. This is usually the month when it is quite hot and dry. It is a time when families are going on vacation, grilling in the backyard, and swimming in the pool or at the beach. It is a time for relaxing and enjoying as the summer winds down. For masons, it is a time for little or no masonic activity. I hope that you are all enjoying the summer months with your family and friends. I personally enjoy the dog days of summer. Soon summer will be over, the students will be back in school, and we shall be starting to resume our work in our Commanderies once again.

However, before we resume our labors in September, there is one more large Knight Templar event in August. Every three years a Triennial Conclave is held by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. At this conclave, Sir Knights from all over the United States and beyond gather in one city. Each Grand Commandery sends its representatives to this conclave. It is an honor for me to represent the Grand Commandery of Connecticut at this event.

The 68th Triennial Conclave this year will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At this event, the Most Eminent Grand Master, Jeffrey N. Nelson, will complete his three-year term of office. We congratulate Grand Master Nelson on a successful three years and thank him for guiding Templary through a most difficult year last year. We wish him well for the future. At this Triennial Conclave, elections will be

held and a new Most Eminent Grand Master will be installed, and begin his three-year term of office. Meetings are held, legislation may be proposed or voted upon, and the new Grand Master will begin to guide Templary forward for the next three years. We congratulate him, pledge him our support, and pray that he will have a successful term.

The dates of the 68th Triennial are from Saturday, August 14, 2021, through Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The venue for the event is the Marriott Minneapolis City Center. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, August 14, 2021 – Registration

Sunday, August 15, 2021 – Divine Service (morning), Grand Master's Reception (evening)

Monday, August 16, 2021 – Public opening, Business sessions, State dinners (evening)

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 – Business sessions, Grand Master's Banquet (evening)

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – Installation of officers for the 69th Triennial.

This event should prove to be very interesting. I look forward attending, representing you, and sharing much information upon my return.

In the beginning of September, we are looking forward to the Northeast Department Conference. As of the date of this writing, no details are available, except that it will be held on September 11, 2021. I shall give you more information as it becomes available.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer. I hope to see you all in September.

Courteously,  
SK Craig R. Nelson, Sr.  
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