

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights: Thank you very much for electing me Grand Commander. I consider it a great honor and privilege to have been chosen to lead the Knights Templar of Florida this year and I am truly humbled.

First of all, let's us remember that we are Masons and Brothers.

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and greatest Fraternity. It has endured all these centuries because it is a brotherhood of men under the fatherhood of God; united to serve and preserve the moral character of all the members.

Masons meet on the level, act by the plum and part upon the square. Every mason is equal unto the other, whether he is President of the United States or janitor of a small country school. Sometimes you hear a mason referred to as a big mason, but there is no such thing as a big mason, unless you are referring to someone who weighs 400 pounds.

It does not matter how many aprons are presented to us, how many color hats we possess, how many shoulder boards we have acquired, how many jewels hang from our neck; we are no more a mason than the mason who was raised last night.

These are gifts presented to us by the Craft and should be accepted with honor and humility, they are not bragging points.

It is therefore with great humility and thanksgiving that I accept this grand honor and pledge to do my best to uphold your trust in me.

This is your Commandery and I want to hear your concerns and your ideas on how they may be improved at the Grand Commandery level. Likewise, I urge the Constituent Commanderies to work diligently to increase their membership by bringing

in more members and reducing the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues.

By working together and planning ahead we can achieve our goals and objectives. Remember if you fail to plan, plan to fail.

Your Officers for 2008-2009 are:

Right Eminent Grand Commander	SK Charles Perez
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	SK Franklin Glenn
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	SK Ideal Baldoni II
Eminent Grand Captain General.....	SK Charles C. Cicero
Eminent Grand Treasurer.....	SK Richard E. Foreman
Eminent Grand Secretary/Recorder.....	SK Steven Q Steele
Excellent Grand Prelate	SK Rev. Daniel Williams.
Eminent Grand Senior Warden	SK David A. Aponte
Eminent Grand Junior Warden.....	SK Arthur J. LaRose
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer.....	SK Henry A. Adams
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer.....	SK Robert G. Stearns
Eminent Grand Warder.....	SK Charles R. Cooper
Eminent Grand Sentinel	SK James T. Mason
Eminent Grand Organist.....	SK John G. Allen
Inspector General	SK Philip S. Ware
Drill Master.....	SK Ronald J. Bertie
Judge Advocate General.....	SK Richard S. Agster
Chief of Staff.....	SK Stephen E. Henwood

Courteously and Fraternally,

Charles Perez
Right Eminent Grand Commander

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever, is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things." —Philippians 4:8

Grand Encampment has a new web site located at:

www.knightstemplar.org.

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