

District of Columbia Supplement Sir Knight James W. Mitchell Right Eminent Grand Commander

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From The Apartment of The Grand Commander
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Sir Knights,
Congratulations for your continued support of the 50th Campaign for the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION(KTEF) "So others might see." Our Knights Templar of the District of Columbia was 10th in overall rank for per capita, an average of \$21.07; and 39th in cumulative giving, \$7330.00 compared with 60 Grand Commanderies. As of 5/6/18, our total membership of 253 had 41 Sir Knights, 16%, contributing to the 50th Campaign of the KTEF. Washington No. 1 gave \$3305 with 15 SKs out of 96, 6.4%, for a per capita of \$13.59. Columbia No. 2 gave \$2365 with 9 SKs out of 59, 15%, for a per capita of \$40.08. Potomac No. 3 gave \$1585 with 16 SKs out of 59, 27%, for a per capita of \$26.86. Each Commandery has received a 50th Volunteer Campaign Seal to attach to their KTEF Certificate. If your Commandery does not have a Certificate, have your Recorder contact the KTEF.

Columbia No. 2 and Potomac No. 3 conferred the Illustrious Order of The Red Cross (IORC) in full form on June 7, 2018 at the Georgetown Masonic Temple. Only one SK was on the side line to observe. Where were our Grand Line and Commandery elected/appointed officers and SKs from our Commanderies? Sir Knights our Grand Commandery is like a 3 legged stool, a physics wonder!! Each leg is positioned 60 degrees from each other forming a triangle. The stool becomes unstable if one leg is moved in a different direction relative to the other, the weight distribution, inherent balance, and tension are changed among the three legs. **EACH COMMANDERY is a LEG of our GRAND COMMANDERY STOOL.**

If our Commanderies fail to support our Grand Commandery's Vision for improving attendance, membership, ritual, education, leadership, charity (KTEF) and social events, our Grand Commandery will eventually dissolve. Each sovereign Commandery is expected to have its own KT education program, perform and support ritual work, establish an appearance in our masonic brotherhood to recruit exceptional candidates to become future Sir Knights. If we are not actively engaged in the accomplishment of our Grand Commandery Vision, we are dying a slow death. Existing for individual survival is an eventual detriment to our future. And did you conclude the seat of our 3 legged stool is our Sovereign and Grand Commandery Leadership? Our leadership consists of elected/appointed, past eminent and grand commanders with the responsibility to assure each Commandery is accomplishing its stated or implied KT objectives. Can our leadership be effective if officers are absent from our conclave or ritual events? However, they can attend and serve as officers in the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc? Can an elected or appointed officer effectively serve concurrently in more than one masonic body during the year?

Here are my Sir Knight Education items for you to ponder over our darkness period. Who was Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz? What does the name literally mean? Hint: see Romans 15 and Isaiah 8. And you are already familiar with the name, Zerubbabel. Who was he and what did he accomplish with the support from Haggai and Zechariah? Read Ezra 3, 4 and 5 and Haggai 2. Did you read Romans 13-13,14 ?

John 8-12

Yours in All Knightly Courtesy,

James W. Mitchell

**Grand Commander 2018-2019
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
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