

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

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Sir Knights,

My thanks to all the Sir Knights who attended the August 4, 2018 Special Conclave. Objectives of this SC included assignments for our Grand Commandery Committees to, review our Commanderies By-Laws for compliance with our GCDC Constitution; to establish ritual schedules with composite ritual teams; publish our KT Officers Handbook; develop officer duties; qualifications and performance standards; establish process for Commandery and SKs awards and recognitions; publish a KT District of Columbia directory; establish a process for awarding KT scholarships and Holy Land Pilgrimage (need awareness as how to apply for all brothers, companions and others); and manage the York Rite Emerging Leaders Program (make the program a reality for our SKs). Each committee is to develop a standard operating procedure (SOP) for their continued operation. These committees are to serve each Commandery in the resolve of their KT issues. Hopefully, our committees will function as a principle resource for the timely resolution and coordination of KT issues relative to improving the KT operations in the District of Columbia. We will have another Semi-Annual Conclave to review our committees' progress in November or December.

The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of the District of Columbia were adequately represented at the 67th KT Triennial held August 18-23, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. My sincere appreciation is extended to; SKs Jack Campbell Jr, Elijah C Mills, EC, KTCH and Mark A Wright, EC, who were proxies for the Grand Commandery Officers unable to attend. Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders attending included SKs Paul S Newhall, James W Golladay Jr, Teko A Foly, Gerald W Peeters, Michael J Kastle, Kenneth D Fuller and Craig R Lasher. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this event do to a family emergency which caused me to cancel my registration and reservations.

Other items which should be of interest include: Grand Commandery Officer Jewels (replacing missing or repairing broken items). Our KT web

site needs to be updated as changes are made, and SKs interested in being a member of our Honor Guard or Arch of Steel please notify your respective Commander or Recorder.

Plans are being finalized for the York Rite Sessions which will be held on March 15-16, 2019. Our business sessions will be held at the Singleton Masonic Hall, 4441 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington D.C. on Saturday afternoon on the 16th of March. Metro access is convenient and all companions and SKs are invited to attend these sessions.

On September 26, 2018, the Order of The Temple will be conferred at the Naval Masonic Hall, 330 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington D.C. On September 28-29, 2018, the Knight Templar Mid-Atlantic Department Conference will be held at the Hilton Crystal City at Reagan National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202. The York Rite Emerging Leadership Program will also be held during this session and all SKs who are interested in attending it are requested to contact your Commandery Recorder ASAP. The Emerging Leadership program is a three year commitment designed to prepare a Sir Knight to lead a Commandery of Knights Templar.

Here is my KT educational item: Who was ORPHEUS and what were his contributions of enlightenment to divinity? Hint read your monthly Knight Templar.

Again, I encourage each Commandery to rotate the opening/closing of their conclaves among the three Orders of our organization. Opening on the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross for one conclave and the Order of Malta and Order of The Temple on the other conclaves should refresh and help to provide good and wholesome guidance to our older as well as to our newer Sir Knights.

Thank you for assisting our DC Knights Templar to become a Masonic Treasure for all DC Masons to desire. SK Kevin Matthews, VEDGC will prepare our next KT Supplement.

Yours in All Knightly Courtesy,

James W. Mitchell

Grand Commander 2018-2019

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