

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

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Sir Knights,  
Our March York Rite Session was a most successful event. We thank our Distinguished Visitors and Guests who came to support DC Grand Commandery. Representatives from other jurisdictions include: Sir Knight Rev. William D. Hartman, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of The Grand Encampment of the USA was received and welcomed at our DC Grand Conclave on March 17, 2018 as the representative of our Most Eminent Grand Master. Other distinguished visitors included The Grand Commanders of Maryland and Virginia, and an impressive delegation of Grand Officers from Delaware and visitors from the Grand Commanderies of Florida and Ontario, Canada. We were pleased to receive the Grand Representative from New York and the Southeast Department Commander, and our very own Right Eminent Department Commander, Sir Knight James W. Golladay, Jr.

Sir Knight Gerald W. Peeters, REPGC Grand Recorder and Sir Knight Michael J. Kastle, REPGC conducted the installation of our newly elected Grand Officers for the 2018-19 Chivalric Year. My sincere appreciation is extended to all SKs for their participation during this Grand Conclave.

## Here are my thoughts and recommendations for our 2018-19 year:

A Special Conclave of the Grand Officers will be held on a Saturday in June 2018 for the purpose of reviewing and identifying needed actions for updating our Grand Commandery and Constituent Commanderies' procedures, constitutions, and rituals, for our Grand Committees to address and resolve.

I am considering an early Grand Visitation to each Constituent Commandery to review those Commanderies' Recorder and Treasurer records and receive their Commander's Report.

The Leadership Committee will identify and publish the duties and performance standards for all DC Knight Templar Officers.

Candidates for the KT Orders will be accepted from either the Royal Arch Chapters or the Cryptic Councils for this year. Our SKs (in uniform) need to plan and routinely visit the Chapters and Councils to establish close ties and working relationships and extend invitations to our York Rite Brothers

and Companions to visit our social events and provide information and answer questions pertaining to our Knight Templar Orders with the objective of increasing the membership in each of our Commanderies.

My **VISION** is

A. Continuity with The Grand Encampment and our Constituent Commanderies to make the Knights Templars the most prestigious York Rite Body in DC. We will accomplish that by growing and strengthening our attendance, membership, Masonic/ritual, education, leadership, charity and social events.

B. Participate and complete the York Rite Leadership Program. (Goal: All SK line Officers enrolled.) We each need to take responsibility for the management of our future. **"Existing for present day survival is a detriment to our future."** We need to develop and operate on a sound and viable continuum 3-5 year plan that is communicated and implemented by all of our Commanders.

C. Improve ritual portrayal/presentation. Select directors, for each of our Orders and establish ritual teams. Coordinate York Rite DC degree schedules and consider participation with our multi-districts.

D. Develop pride within our Commanderies. Provide awards. A Knight Templar of the Quarter competition, ritual proficiency, attendance, membership recruitment, etc. Each Commander or Officer prepares an article for the Knight Templar Monthly Magazine DC Supplement.

E. Establish Knight Templar social events to include family and friends, Past EC's Night, Potomac River Sunday Cruise, speakers for special events, York Rite Night, etc.

F. Increase awareness and participation in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Knight Templar Educational Foundation Scholarship Program, and most certainly the Holy Land Tour.

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**Yours in All Knightly Courtesy,**

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**Grand Commander 2018-2019  
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