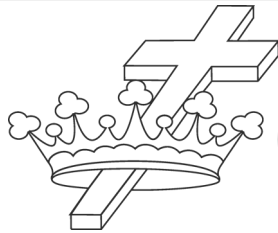


Delaware Supplement
Mark E. Irwin, Editor
6420 Shutt Road
Spring Grove, PA 17362
Phone: 443-750-0842



DELAWARE

Grand Commander Fred Palmer

Explore the DE Supplement, and other states too, on-line at:
<http://www.knightstemplar.org/KTnews/index.html>

Sir Knights,

As this supplement arrives in your mailboxes the Christmas season will have started. The Christmas Trees have started going up and the mall has been playing Christmas music for at least three weeks. The hustle and bustle has started, the stress level is already on over load and the credit card machines have been working overtime. I challenge you to take a breathe and remember the reason for the season.

Take a minute to check on a neighbor. Pick the phone up and call a friend you have not spoken to in a month of Sundays. Smile at someone and wish them a Merry Christmas. It may just be what they needed to sincerely hear to remind them to stop and remember what its all about.

That being said I keep my Amazon wish list up to date!

This issues Knight of the Month is Sir Knight Erich Krauss from St. John's Commandery. This Sir Knight has been there at every opportunity when asked to help Delaware Templary and to set the example for future Knights. He has jumped in and assumed the role of helping provide refreshments after the stated conclaves and Orders conferred by his Commandery. He has taken every challenge sent his way and run with them. I look forward to the day he is conferring one of the Orders. Erich I can't thank you enough for everything you do for the Knights Templar of Delaware.

"Templar of the Month" is to recognize a Sir Knight in the Monthly Supplement. If you have a suggestion of a Knight write to me why you think they should be recognized.

Fred Palmer

Right Eminent Grand Commander

While reveling in the mirth of the season, take pause and reflect on the exactness of the reason. Born at night a babe in hay-filled manger lie. Destined on Golgotha's hill upon a cross to die. Angels herald and shepherds came bearing gifts. Wise men did the same. All to a King homage is paid. Not knowing on his back the Sins of the World is laid. Through youth he waxed strong ,wise and pure by the hand of John, baptized along Jordan's shore.



Lifted from living waters into the breeze Says His Father, This my beloved Son whom I am well pleased. Into the desert on mountain height, the devil began to torment with great delight. Steadfast and true the Savior stayed, the devil withdrew, while Angels ministered and prayed. Upon a fisherman's raft a Friend is found. Eleven more answered to God's word. Through the land he taught, preached and healed, all the time knowing His fate was sealed. Into Jerusalem in triumph he rode to the Temple. Money changers he drove out. The Passover's hour is close at hand. Into an upper room enters that little band. After the supper the traitor went to betray. To Gethsemane's Garden the Savior went to pray. The weight of Sin and Death lay heavily down. As from every pore blood and water stained the ground. Arrested and taken by kiss betrayed. To a pillar, beaten, scourged and flayed. Back is bloodied, crown of thorn his head bedecked. Before Pilate that deadly sentence to direct. With Cross embraced the last Mortal journey begun. That last time, this day sees the morning sun. Nailed to receiving wood. He's raised on high. But to His Father forgiveness is his cry. The day grew cold, dark and gray. The Savior gaunt, feels his life slip away. In great and final strength the savior cried "IT IS FINISHED", bowed his head and died. From the Cross to garden tomb his body lay. With body broken, wages of Sin did pay. But here ends not the Savior's Story. For body and Spirit Resurrect in Perfected Glory. Sin and death conquered, a way at last is paved The greatest gift a chance to be saved. Though we all meet every day temptation. We now have the Savior's promise, The Lord's Salvation. So as we celebrate the Joy and Spirit of the season, we surely know that Divine reason. Salvation the Savior gave to you and me. Out of his love he gave himself completely free.

William David Stephey
14 December 2016

