



SK Michael Whiting, REGC Knight Templar of Michigan “The Future & The Past”

Sir Knights and Ladies:

By now the Schools of Instruction have started and the newly Installed Officers should be preparing for the Inspection Season beginning in September. I have no doubt that the Knights of each Commandery will work hard to make their Inspections something to be proud of.

It is hoped that you will join us in Traverse City on May 12th as we join with Grand Chapter R.A.M. for an All Degree and Order Day. It is early enough in the spring before the motel rates go up after Memorial Day. It is a nice time of the year to bring the Ladies for a little vacation.

May is also the time when we remember those in our Military Service who fought and sacrificed their lives in the defense of this Great Nation of ours. As several of our Eastern Services were held at National Cemeteries like, Custer National in Battle Creek and Great Lakes in Holly, we are reminded of those heroes who proudly served in the Armed Forces.

The Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Michigan will be held May 21st through the 23rd in Grand Rapids and I am proud to have been invited to attend as your Grand Commander. I look forward to greeting many of you Sir Knights who will also be attending.

Until next month, remember “United We Stand, Divided We Fall” is just as relevant today as when first spoken.

In Unity,

Michael Whiting, KCT
Grand Commander



Triannual Drill Team,: The GC of Michigan will again be joining the Knights of Howell #28, in drill at the upcoming Grand Encampment Triannual conclave, Drills will be held Saturday Aug 18 in Indianapolis Indiana, I am seeking Knights who wish to participate in this great activity. Practices will begin in late April and go until August generally on Monday and Thursday evenings in Howell, Pinckney and other locations if necessary. Interested Sir Knights should contact SK Winslow promptly. We will have a great time and maybe even do something never before done.



RAM & KT day, Saturday May 12th is the second Annual, RAM & KT day in Traverse City. We begin the day with coffee and doughnuts at 8am. The 4 degrees for RAM begin at 9am, and progress in order. After the RAM degrees, a lunch break and then return to work in the KT orders. Dress for the RAM along with the Order of the Red Cross & Malta will be sports coats and ties. The order of the temple will be conferred by the Grand Commandery, and will be in Ancient Regalia. Sir Knights who are participating in the order that have their own regalia please bring it. Those knights who do not and are participating there will be a selection of items available for you to borrow. Please bring a dark colored long sleeve collarless shirt to wear under the tunic. Any questions please contact SK L. Winn. Costume questions to SK D. Winslow



Knights needed: *Sir Knights the Grand Veterans committee* has finalized the details of Templar Knights assisting in ceremonies, when a fallen US military member returns to Michigan. **Honors detail's** pay respect to our fallen, participation is a great honor. Michigan Knights Templars are now being sought to “try out” for this special detail. We will have one team of approximately 15 selected Knights, who are willing to attend Honors returns at airports chosen by the Military. (Detroit and Flint are the primaries) These details will be rare (hopefully very rare), but when needed the Knights must be prepared in the finest fashion. Uniform inspections will be conducted and you will be responsible to purchase or procure on your own some uniform items unique to this detail. Knights must be capable of standing formation and holding sword positions for long periods, Formations will take place on airport runways and aircraft parking areas, knights must transport to those location by airport vehicles. Try outs will include marching, sword drill and precision of movement, individually and then within a team. ***If you are willing to try out please contact SK. Darel Winslow, or SK Steve Striggow, you will be notified of the dates for try outs.***



Commanderies are encouraged to participate in community activities, in uniform and representing the Knights Templar. Parades are great opportunities to do this and have fun at same time. Here are some chances for you to participate along with the Grand commandery in several different cities. Memorial day, May 28th. South Lyon, & Pinckney. Contact SK Winslow Independence Day; July 4th Northville Contact SK R. Great Cherry Blossoms Festival, Traverse City –July Contact SK L. Winn