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Happiest of Wishes



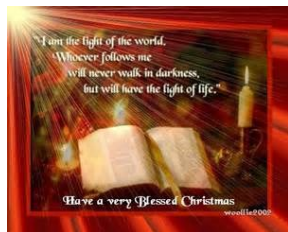
Sir Knights and Ladies:

It is my sincere hope that the Holiday Celebration has brought you a renewed commitment for our Order this New Year. Our Inspections are now complete and the Grand Officers have a better idea on what needs to be done for the future of our Grand Commandery. The Grand Officers are always open to your thoughts and suggestions. Remember that communication between the Knights and the Grand Officers is a two way street. Most of the time, the Grand Officers only hear from the Commanderies when they have a problem. We urge you to look into the Laws of Templar Masonry before coming to us for the answers. Just as important, we would like to hear from you with what is working for your Commandery. We realize that each Commandery has their problems and their successes. Let us work in UNITY, to make each Commandery throughout this Jurisdiction stronger.

I am looking for Sir Knights who are interested in attending the Emerging Leadership Program put on by Grand Encampment. This year it will be held March 10, 2018 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. If you are interested in attending, it is by Invitation Only. Contact me immediately so I can let S.K. Loren Winn know and you can receive your invitation.

The Meritorious Service Award is a very prestigious award, which can only be given to those Sir Knights who have not been elected to the Officer Line in your Commandery. Only five can be given out each year and this year I have seen one nomination so far. Look deep into your Commandery and find that someone that is deserving of this award. It was a shame that last year there were no nominations.

In Unity,
Michael Whiting
Grand Commander



GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL'S WORKSHOP!!
GCG's workshop is **Saturday 7 April 2018**, at the Lansing Masonic Temple, 1125 Weber Drive, Lansing Michigan. The work-shop will begin at 9am. The day will be instructional and there will be participation by all. Remember we will be presenting the GCG Attendance Shield to the Commandery with the most regular member participation. Sir Knights, with dual or plural memberships must declare which Commandery they are representing. (one per knight this year). Please contact SK. J. Porritt if you have questions about the workshop.



As we begin another new year the Grand Officers wish to take this opportunity to thank the Knights of Michigan, for allowing us to serve you. We have made great strides in improving the activities of Michigan Commanderies while, maintaining the great traditions grounded in this state. Your participation in the programs, parades, public activities and in working with other fraternal bodies is what makes Michigan a great place to be a Templar. Below we see just one of those special events getting

Set to happen.
Demolai #5 with aid from their Battalion line up to prepare for post-ing the colors for



Doric lodges veterans day dinner. What a great effort helping York Rite brothers.

Putting "Unity" into action: Our GC's theme is "Unity", here is a simple acronym to help put it into action. **Un-doubt ably Not In This Yourself (UNITY)**. In the York Rite many problems, arise that affectively rip us apart, Each area has different complications that make unity difficult, I'm sure that no one has the answer for the whole state, but if we look at our home, communicate with our brothers in Lodge, Chapter and Council we can find our specific problems and hopefully our solutions. It starts with **YOU making the commitment to TAKE ACTION. The only sure solutions will involve us taking an action to make problems go away.** I can't determine for you what keeps your area's York Rite from being one unit. I cant find the solution for you. Yet taking action and working together **YOU** can.