



SK Shawn M. Bashore, REGC
Knight Templar of Michigan
“A time of thanks”



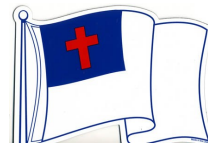
Sir Knights,

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean Islands and also Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving around the table with turkey and dressing, pumpkin and apple pie, let us not forget to give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For without his generous gift of life none of this would be possible.

As the fall season approaches I ask you to attend as many Blue Lodge Installations as possible and to provide Honor Guards for them. The Grand Commandery Officers have been asked to provide an Honor Guard for Howell Lodge on December 29, 2018 for Sir Knight James Rutherford who will be installed as Worshipful Master. All Sir Knights are encouraged to participate assist the Grand Commandery Officers in making this a special day for Sir Knight James and the brethren of Howell Lodge. If you are interested in participating please contact Sir Knight Jay Kennedy Grand Junior Warden at kennedyjp@gmail.com or call (810) 820-7952. Sir Knights I leave you with this: Do not wait for others to be friendly to you. Lead the way and be the example onto others. And then we will begin to build this Grand Commandery “One Good Sir Knight at a Time”

Fraternally,
Shawn M. Bashore
Grand Commander



Spicing up your inspection day

The grand commandery officers encourage you to add some zest to your inspection day, especially for the ladies who work so tirelessly for our cause. This day is a great time to show off a bit in the asylum, when the ladies are present, show them a little drill, sword work or even some special presentation. Inspections are also a great chance to raise some much needed money for our philanthropies. Try a gift basket raffle, secret prize drawing or maybe raffling some special or unique they can do to make the day exciting. Remember to honor your candidate or new Knight and his lady make them feel welcome and a part of something bigger than themselves.

From the word of God

Those who live in thanksgiving daily, have a way of opening their eyes and seeing the wonders and beauties of this world as though seeing them for the first time. We must let go of the negative emotions that bind our hearts and instead fill our souls with love, faith, and thanksgiving.

We can live in thanksgiving daily by opening our arms to those around us. When was the last time you told someone you love how much they mean to you? When was the last time you expressed your gratitude to someone who has always been there for you? Choice blessings await those who live in thanksgiving daily. “He who receiveth all things with thankfulness,” the Lord has promised, “shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him, even an hundred fold, yea, more”.

Bill LeVeque, Grand Prelate



Lets get ready for the Christmas Observance season.

Every Commandery or Battalion should be planning the Christmas Observance. A great time to Give praise to our Lord, remembering publicly the sacrifice he made for our Salvation. As well this is a great time to give thanks to the supporting people in your area, invite your pastors, youth leaders, youth and the community to participate and learn a bit more about us.

Knight Templar Christmas Festive Board

Here it is Sir Knights the first KT Festive Board in Michigan, Hosted by Howell Commandery. This exciting event will be held on **December 9th, at the Pinckney Masonic Temple from 3:30 Pm to 6:30 Pm.** Put on your Ceremonial uniform (AKA; Ancient Regalia), Bring your lady and be prepared to celebrate the Christmas season in the manner of the Knights of Old. If you wish Ladies may dress as they would in the period of the c4resaides. Knights can dress in regalia or period uniforms. This event will be filled with festive toasts, great food, live entertainment and the Christmas spirit. Attendees will receive a commemorative glass to remind them in the months to come of this occasion. Attire for participant's not in period dress, Men Coat and tie, Ladies Church clothing. Cost is \$35.00 per person, \$60.00 per couple. Please RSVP with remittance to SK Loren REPDC, Recorder Howell 28 not later then December 1st. SK Loren Winn, REPDC P.O. Box 822, Pinckney Michigan. 48169

