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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2018 Sir Knight Mark Watson Kay



Greetings Sir Knights,

First of all, I offer our prayers to Sir Knight Richard W. VanDoren and his lady Nancy. Your service to our Grand Commandery will have a **lasting effect** for years to come. The guidance and friendship you have given to me personally, will help me to be a better leader. I dedicate my year as Grand Commander to you, may God Bless you and keep you safe.

Thank you, Sir Knights, for the honor you have bestowed on me in becoming your Grand Commander. It is very humbling to head such a prestigious organization and I pledge my service to you and your families during this Templar year.

It amazes me how quickly time passes. It seemed to take so long for summer to arrive and when it did it was either unbearably hot, wet or both. Autumn has been a welcome relief and with the cool crisp weather comes the holiday season.

We honor our country's heroes on Veterans Day. To all the men and women that serve or have served this country, Thank You! The sacrifices made for us permits us to enjoy the freedom we have, but it comes at a price. Let us remember them and when you see a veteran thank them. It is a small token, but I know it means a lot to know they are appreciated.

We also celebrate Thanksgiving this month. What a great day to be with family and friends and enjoy a good meal and a football game or two. When I hear the music at this time of year it reminds me of the days when I was in the youth choir. It stirs emotions and memories and helps me to be thankful to the Almighty. Whether we have plenty or are in need we should be reminded that is because of God's gracious mercy that we have anything at all and we should be thankful.

I am thankful for you, Sir Knights. I am thankful for my family and friends. I am especially thankful for my Savior, Jesus Christ. For without Him everything I have would be for naught. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to serve.

In His Service,
Mark

A moment with the Grand Prelate S.K. and Reverend Matthew J. Wissell

Sir Knights,

We are truly blessed to belong to such a fine fraternity. I am thankful for the efforts of our brothers and fraters of years past to prosper and grow our brotherhood. They gave us a gift which we can never fully appreciate. It is time for us to turn our gratitude into action. We cannot let this inheritance of our waste away.

Let us put our labors toward nurturing our ranks and improving our membership. We have been blessed to be a blessing and let us live as such.

In His Service,
Matt