

## July 2018

Sir Knights:

At this point in the year I'd like us to look around us, behind us, where we are now, and where we are going. A lot of us are unable to do that, and some are just fixated on one point or another.

- This year we celebrate over 900 years of Templarism, dedicated to furthering the cause of Christianity in this world.
- The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is over 202 years old.
- The Grand Commandery of New Jersey is 158 years old, which I have the honor of being the 166<sup>th</sup> Grand Commander.

How will our Masonic organization be remembered in the future? Will we be considered a quaint Masonic organization that marched in uniforms and said prayers? Will we be an agent of force that stands for justice, peace, and for Christian values within our communities, and within our own commanderies?

Everyday we are symbols within our families, our communities, our workplace, our places of worship, etc. How we handle things amongst ourselves and with others reflects on us all.

Stand upright, Sir Knights, for you are:

- A Man
- A Mason
- A Christian
- A Templar

You are the beauceant of our Order.

In looking forward, we cast our eyes upon the distant shore, and see through God's grace, love and guidance what our Grand Commandery will become.

Yours in Christ,  
Mark E. Megee  
Grand Commander

**Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sednominatio da gloriam!**

## Calendar Of Events

*"Commit Your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established"*

Proverbs 16:3

July 04 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

### The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness**— That, instead of desiring the possessions of others, and endeavoring to obtain them by violence or deceit; and instead of coveting this world's goods, sincerely, earnestly, and perseveringly desire universal holiness of heart and life, or deliverance from all sinful dispositions and practices, and a complete restoration of their souls to the image of God in which they were created: a just and beautiful description this of that fervent, constant, increasing, restless, and active desire; of that holy ardor and vehemence of soul in pursuit of the most eminent degrees of universal goodness which will end in complete satisfaction: **For they shall be filled**— Shall obtain the righteousness which they hunger and thirst for, and be abundantly satisfied therewith.

– Benson Commentary

### **What king made the law against praying?**

a. King Darius b. King Bobc. King Henry the Eighth d. King Cole

**Correct Answer:** a. *King Darius*

### **What was the name of Sarah's son? (Genesis 17:19)**

a. Jacob b. Abraham c. Isaac d. Ishmael

**Correct Answer:** c. *Isaac*

**The Lord covenanted: "If ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a \_\_\_\_\_ unto me above all people;" (Exodus 19:5)**

a. holy race b. blessed people c. peculiar treasure d. precious nation

**Correct Answer:** c. *peculiar treasure*