

# New York Supplement

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Christian Greetings Sir Knights;

As the weather gets warmer, it serves as a gentle reminder that we have started the down swing of this term of office. My opportunities to reach you on this platform can now be counted on one hand. However, there is still much work to be done. This is not a one man army and only by your continued cooperation and drive will we continue to achieve our goals.

In evaluating the first half of this term it is clear that we were able to motivate Commanderies to do more. This makes for building strong cultures of excellence throughout the state. In my travels throughout the North East Region, I had the opportunity to have lengthy conversations with other Grand Commanders who are as eager to lead their state to higher heights in Templary. We were able to share ideas and experiences and benefit from the different rich flavors each state enjoys and brought to the table.

In our opening and closing, the word magnanimous is used to describe the Order to which we belong. This adjective speaks volumes to the manner to which a Templar should act and live. The adjective is rooted in the Latin word Magnus (great) and Animus (soul or mind)—together forms “great soul “. Some of the English words that are synonyms with magnanimous are: generous, altruistic, unselfish, chivalrous, forgiving, merciful, indulgent and noble. Sir Knights, the combination of these qualities sets us apart from many in our craft. We are held by these values and are expected to govern ourselves accordingly.

This year’s Annual Conclave in September is set to be a memorable one. We will be celebrating all the hard work done this year and bringing together the new friends and families we made on our travels up and down the state. I am entreating you to make every effort to attend. Information will be forthcoming.

Finally, I will leave you with these few thoughts from The Templar Creed:

- That truth and justice are fundamental to enduring social order.
- In the sacredness of a promise.
- That rendering useful service is the common duty of all mankind.
- In an all-wise and loving GOD.
- Love is the greatest thing in the world, it can and will overcome hate.

Yours in Christ,  
Stenrick B. Adams, R.E.G.C.

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### **Grand Prelate’s Corner**

Crowds grew larger as Jesus passed villages and towns on his way to Jerusalem. People everywhere were cheering him on, attracted by his teachings. The people knew he was different from other rabbis. Even so, not everyone welcomed Jesus with open arms.

But did anyone know the price they would have to pay to follow him? With his focus squarely on Jerusalem, Jesus asked them to choose their true love. It was all or nothing. Jesus scanned the crowd and said, in effect, “If you want to follow me, you’ll have to love me more than your parents, families, and siblings.”

But that is what Jesus’ disciples had done. They had spent years with him already and they knew he was the Messiah, the promised deliverer of God’s people. The cost of discipleship is this: We must each give up our old selves in order to embrace and become the person Christ has created us to be.

Therefore “put off the old man with his deeds, ” for if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” The cost of discipleship is totally reasonable in light of the gift we’ve been given by God!

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### **From the Editor**

Lady Debi and I are on the move. We’re retiring to Texas to lounge in warm weather and enjoy no snow winters. We will miss our many Masonic friends, but we will stay in touch. I will continue on as editor of the NY Supplement as long as our Grand Commanders’ ask me to do so.

Thank you for the respect you have shown us all of these years.