

New York Supplement

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Stenrick B. Adams
Grand Commander

Christian Greetings Sir Knights;

We are in the middle of the summer and I hope that you and your loved ones are enjoying the outdoors. However, this time signals the last full month of my service as your Grand Commander. During the month of July, I wrapped up my obligatory visits to all the Annual Conclaves in the Northeast Department of our Grand Encampment. I met some of the best Templars and their families along the way. Sharon and I made so many new friends—it justified our long hours on the road to each Jurisdiction. We were well treated, and they in turn are looking forward to attending our 205th Annual Conclave in September—being held at the new Red Lion Hotel, Albany (formerly the Radisson hotel).

This year we will kick off the weekend on Friday September 14 with a Caribbean flavored buffet dinner to accompany our meet and greet. After which the hospitality room will be open for some sit down or stand up chit, chat and board games if you wish. The Order of the Preceptor will start at 9:30pm sharp. All current and past Commanders of all jurisdictions are welcome.

On Saturday, registration will start at 7:45am. The Conclave will reconvene where our visiting dignitaries will be received and our Conclave will proceed with vigor. Sharon has an exciting program set for the ladies at 10:30am and we will all come together for a wonderful Knights and Ladies luncheon thereafter.

Over the many years, we have taken pride in our Ladies' efforts to support the Knight Templar

Eye Foundation and other charities. This year we are making a push to have even more baskets available for the raffle. Sharon, along with the Grand Line Ladies, will be hosting a wine tasting during the basket room session. The Basket Raffle winners will be drawn at 4:30pm on Saturday. This is always very exciting.

Our drill teams will be out in action, competing on the inside courtyard starting at 3pm. We are expecting to see a sharp display of drills as always.

You will then be able to rest a bit. The Grand Commander's Banquet will start at 6:00pm with a social hour of hot and cold appetizers and a cash bar in the lower mezzanine ending at 7:00pm. The dinner will begin right after.

For those Turtles and those Turtle want to be's, come and join us at the pond at 10pm. Don't miss this fun event. Are you a Turtle.....?

On Sunday at 8:00am we will have our Divine Service and also the passing of the cord, ring and sword ceremony to the new Grand Commander and his Line. After the service, we will depart and return home ready for another Templar season.

All information and registration forms can be found in General Order #4 on the Grand Commandery website.

Sir Knights, I hope that you will join us as we celebrate "Excellence in Templary" 2018.

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

Grand Prelate's Corner

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is a biblical term that sums up nine attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit according to the Epistle to the Galatians: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Every one of us needs an occasional visit to the doctor for a checkup to make sure everything is working alright and that we don't have an unknown serious internal condition. The same is true with our spiritual lives. As creatures of habit, we tend to go through life on autopilot. We often miss clues that indicate that our spirit is not enjoying the good health that God created it for. In the same way that the doctor puts us through a battery of tests to diagnose potential physical problems, God has given us a process of evaluating spiritual problems in our lives—by way of the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives.

When we follow the Spirit's lead instead of being led by our self-focused desires, the Spirit produces the fruit. But even when we don't walk by the Spirit, the Spirit is the very one who convicts us that things are not in proper order in our lives. Are we actively depending on the Holy Spirit to guide us in God's ways so we don't get wrapped up in ourselves?

God promises that if we are willing to admit that we have been walking our own way and ask for His forgiveness and cleansing, He will empower us through His Spirit to live above ourselves and live the abundant life for which He has created us.

From the Editor

Please note the address change in the header. Lady Debi and I have retired to Texas and are living the next chapter in our lives. We may be out of NY, but not out of Templary. We will be seeing you from time to time and I still remain the editor for the NY Supplement of our KT magazine.