



VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT
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**FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE GRAND
COMMANDER**

Sir Knights, Ladies and Guests,

We begin July celebrating the founding of our country. There will be picnics and fireworks. Let us celebrate by making a commitment to attend and support our Commanderies. In addition, let's visit our local Lodges and Chapters and promote membership by presenting programs on our Order of Knights Templar.

It is the third month since we held our Grand Conclave and two Districts have been visited. Thanks to each for the gracious hospitality and brotherly fellowship. We will visit District 9 on July 8 and District 3 on July 29.

It has been an exciting year thus far. On May 10, 2017, I had the honor of Constituting and Installing the Officers of Turner Ashby No. 35 in Warrenton, VA with approximately sixty Sir Knights and ladies in attendance. Events such as these are truly cherished memories.

The deadline for submitting names for the Holy Land Pilgrimage is drawing near. The purpose of the Pilgrimage is to strengthen Christian ministry by providing an intensive travel and study program for credentialed ministers in the form of a study pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The opportunity to 'walk where Jesus walked' can positively affect the preaching, teaching, and spirituality of Christian ministers. The Pilgrim ministers are immersed in the land, the sights, the sounds, the history, and the cultures of the Holy Land, past and present.

I ask that each Commandery nominate a deserving minister for consideration for this trip. Let's give our committee several to choose from.

At our Grand Conclave, our Eye Foundation Chairman S.K. Richard E Carpenter, PDC, reported that we had twenty-three Commanderies that have 100% Life Sponsorships. I appreciate the hard work he has done. Hopefully we will attain 100% statewide this year. Thank you, Sir Knight Carpenter, for all you do.

The Orders will be conferred on July 22, 2017 at Portsmouth No. 5. This will be a great opportunity to bring your candidates to receive the Orders. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

Below is a picture taken at the Conferral of the Orders at Winchester No. 12. Welcome to the new Sir Knights. Great job Sir Knights of Winchester No. 12.



Thank you to all for your support and let's continue to work together to make Knights Templar shine in Virginia.

Remember "*LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE*"

In His Service,

RB

Roy B. Henderson, Jr.
Grand Commander 2017-2018