

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan
Daniel E. Stewart, Right Eminent Grand Commander



March 2023

Sir Knights,

We come into March as a Lion after a wonderful weekend of Masonic fellowship and ritual work in Jackson. We will keep that momentum moving forward without slowing down all the way until Holy Week, when the Lamb of God is on our minds and in our hearts. I will carry that with me as my family and I join with others at the George Washington Masonic Memorial for Easter Sunrise. I look forward to travelling to various events this month and talking with Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights from around the state to get their input regarding the direction of the Grand Commandery.



Monthly Mentor Reflection "How Lucky We Are"

Mentors come in all shapes, sizes, ages, and professional backgrounds. How lucky are we that we have such a diverse group of men that are willing to share wisdom and experiences with us, as long as we are willing to ask them? This month, I want you to think of at least one piece of advice that has helped you throughout your career, whether it be Masonic or in everyday life. From my perspective, a great piece of advice came from a store manager of mine a few years before I joined Freemasonry. He said to me "Stop trying to make everyone happy. You will drive yourself crazy. Do the best you can with your talents and people will see the effort you put forth." This has helped me realize that there have been those that came before me, and those that will come after me that will accomplish more. However, I can still be proud of discharging my duties to the Craft, and hold my head high.

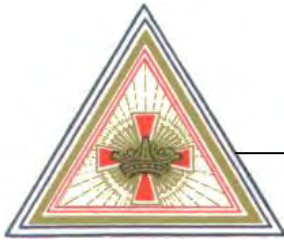


Special Project Announcements "Sound Assembly"

This section will remain mostly the same each month as they are very important to me.

1. Music: Do you play a brass instrument? We are forming a Grand Commandery Brass Band, and we need your help. At a minimum, we will be playing for the Divine Service at the 167th Annual Conclave, so there is time to practice. Email me directly if you are interested.
2. Education: Interested in becoming a Templar scholar or start writing on Templar topics? The Grand Encampment has a program available for you. Information and link to the portal can be found at www.knightstemplar.org/122520course.htm. Assistance at the state level is available if needed via Brandon Mullins or Chris Potts. New Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program launched on December 1, 2022
3. Drill Exhibition: Drilling at the 167th Conclave is confirmed, and you can feel the excitement in the air. More details will be coming soon, so get your teams ready.





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March 2023 Upcoming Events

For those travelling around the state this month, here are activities you can participate in and I am planning on attending:

- March 4 – Tri-State York Rite Festival, Commandery Orders, Bryan Ohio
- March 10-12 - East Central Department Conference, Fort Wayne Indiana
- March 18 – All Order Day, Battle Creek MI
- March 25 – Valley of Michigan AASR – SE Region Reunion, Dearborn MI
- April 1 – Grand Captain General Workshop – Lansing MI



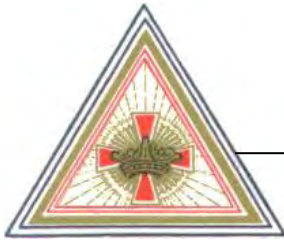
Tri State York Rite Festival – Chapter/Council Degrees,
February 25, 2023

Great turnout at Tri State York Rite Festival in Jackson for the
Chapter/Council Degrees with Michigan/Indiana/Ohio.
Grand Commander Stewart is hiding at the back table.

Photo Credit – Mike Hicks

50th Year of the Tri-State York Rite Festival

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to help membership increase, but also to support our Commanderies wants to see activity continue. The Sir Knights in Battle Creek have contacted my and wanted to try to host an All Order Day as in years past. With this year being the 50th year, I thought it would be a great chance to present Battle Creek as a location for future Tri-State events. The Commandery Orders this year are taking place on March 4 in Bryan, Ohio. I have invited Grand Officers from Chapter, Council, and Commandery from all three states to attend in Battle Creek on Saturday March 18. This will not only be a way to showcase the Battle Creek Temple, but also another opportunity for Companions to receive the Commandery Orders if they were not able to attend two weeks prior. If you have a candidate ready and able to attend on March 18, please RSVP to SK Mark Waterman, Recorder of Battle Creek Commandery 269-832-4487.



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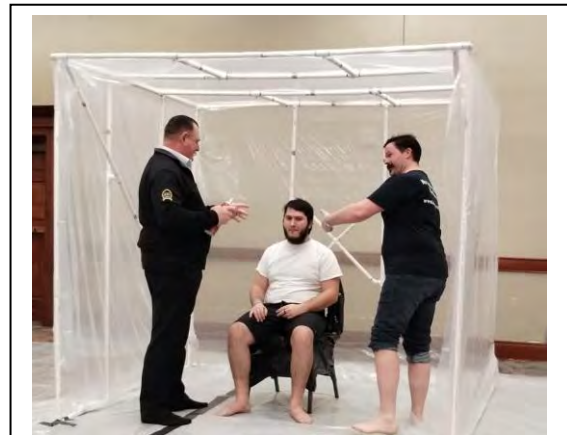
Grand Commander on the Road

While I do not always take a lot of photos on my travels, I do wind up in frame that others share online. Here are a few candid pictures from my travels in February.



Valley of Michigan AASR NMJ – SW Region
Mini Reunion and George Washington
Festive Board – February 11, 2023

Grand Commander Stewart providing comments and thanks to MWB Josh Woodwyk, PGM of MI, who served as Emcee for the George Washington Festive Board. Photo Credit – Roger Hekstra



DeMolay Winterfest – February 4, 2023

Grand Commander Stewart and DeMolay International Grand Master Jon Sellars assisting Michigan State Master Councilor Eric Zervos raise money for his chosen charity, Ronald McDonald House. The after photos were a little messy with whipped cream. Photo Credit – Michael Moore

If you have any photos you would like to share in upcoming monthly newsletters, please forward them to the Grand Commander with a description, date, and photo credit.

Yours in Templary,

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