

June 1, 2024

My Fellow Sir Knights:

Let me start by congratulating Past Grand Commander Charles R. Krafft for a successful year leading this Grand Commandery, and more importantly for our 150th Anniversary Celebration. As we said during the meeting:

Our Grand Commandery is 150 years at this Conclave

And now we come to celebrate 150 years today Grand Commandery of West Virginia In each and every way

If only now these walls could talk The things we know are true I'm sure that they would all affirm The things we say and do

So let us say with happy heart We're glad that we were here Because we know that what we learn Will guide us through the years

And thanks we say to be here now With men of good and right We'll always know within our hearts The Grand Commandery tonight

Remember the Grand Encampment will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah with the business sessions on August 19 and 20, 2024 and the installation of officers on August 21, 2024. Congratulations to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment for the way he has led this Grand Encampment.

General Order No. 1 has been distributed. There is much important information inside to be shared with the Sir Knights.

Fraternally, James E. Winzenreid Grand Commander