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Fraternal Greetings!

The Virginia Templars continue to strengthen the Grand Commandery and its constituents. There are many exciting programs being introduced and implemented.

The Knights Templar number one priority this year is membership.

With this being said, we also need to work on our ritualistic improvement. It is through our ritual that we can convey the great lessons of our fraternity to the candidates and new members. It is imperative that it should start from us to be proficient as possible to impress these lessons on the minds of our candidates. We only have one chance to make a good first and long-lasting impression on these candidates.

A candidate spends time, effort, and money to join our cause, so he deserves a presentation of the ritual in the purest form we are very capable of delivering. We should make their first experience impressive, that they will want to come back and be part of such prestigious organization.

I am challenging each of the Virginia Commanderies to open their conclave in full form including the conferring of the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta. Your Grand Commandery Officers and District Instructors are your best resources to assist in this endeavor. I encourage each of the districts to share information and officers who can confer these Orders and help each other in conferring these Orders.

I ask all our Sir Knights to join me in taking this ritualistic proficiency by heart and take the challenge to restore our fraternity to its former vitality, vigor, prestige, and prominence. If we all work together as a TEAM, I have the confidence that we will achieve this goal.

The other Grand Commandery events and activities are ongoing, focusing on membership and the community.

- **The District Picnics are on Saturdays at 12:00 pm. These are the September October schedules:**
October 8 – District No. 6 (DeMolay Commandery No. 4, Location TBA)
October 15 – District No. 2 (Virginia Beach Commandery No. 36, Location TBA)

I highly encouraged everyone to extend the invitation to their community.

- **The Regional Leadership and Education Conference (RLEC) is revived and is open to everyone who wished to learn more about Knights Templar.**

The RLEC Schedules (Friday from 6:00pm-9:00pm) and Location are the following:

September 30 – Northern Region (Manasseh Masonic Lodge, Manassas, VA)

October 7 – Central Region (ACCA Shrine, Richmond, VA)

What is there to gain from attending the RLEC:

- ✓ To be a better-informed Sir Knight.
 - ✓ To have a clearer focus on the direction that Templar Masonry is taking in Virginia during the year.
 - ✓ To network with Sir Knights, getting ideas to take back to your Commandery and making contacts, to improve the fraternal interactions with commanderies in your area.
 - ✓ To enjoy the fellowship that comes from being in the company of Sir Knights and strengthening the shared bond that bind us together as friends, brothers, sisters, and Sir Knights.
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- **Mid-Atlantic Department Conference 2022 scheduled for Saturday, September 24 at Hilton, Crystal City (2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202).** Please consider attending this conference to support the Grand Commandery of Virginia and Templar Masonry. This is another educational opportunity to enhance your leadership skills, self-improvement, and powerful communication skills. **This is mandatory for the Grand Commandery dais officers.** In conjunction with this conference is the York Rite Leadership Program (YRLP) that is being offered to members, family, and youth. To complete the program, you must attend the 3 topics for each year. To register, please go to the York Rite website and choose courses.

On a different note. The Bi-Centennial Celebration will be held at the next Grand Conclave in May 2023. We are working tirelessly to make this a memorable occasion, so lots of preparations are on the way. We are creating a Souvenir Program to be included in the time capsule. We request that you be part of the celebration and consider buying an ad or ads for the Souvenir Program. For more information, please e-mail: ktvabc2023@gmail.com or send ad information at: <https://forms.gle/vwgt64hF2tNppJS6>.

I appreciate the diligence, untiring work and unconditional support of all Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, Grand Aide de Camps and Committee Chairs. You are inspiring. This is a **TEAM** that works at its best. **Together Everyone Achieves More!**

In His Service and Yours,



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May this pin remind you of the "Shield of Faith" and to put on the "Armor of God" everyday