

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



December 2022

Sir Knights,

November was a very busy month for me as I was able to visit four Commandery inspections to go along with a busy RSV/flu season starting at the hospital. I was able to spend time with and talk to a number of the Sir Knights around Michigan and get input regarding the updated Inspection Day processes. Most were happy with the flexibility, but some still liked the traditional methods. Safe to say that we will not have a “cookie cutter” inspection day in the foreseeable future. This will allow Commanderies to concentrate on the areas of ritual that they feel they need to work on, with help from our Instruction Board. I look forward to seeing inspections for years to come and how they will improve Templary as a whole in the State of Michigan.



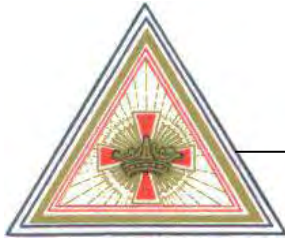
Monthly Mentor Reflection

“What Would Jesus Do?”



In the late 19th Century, the phrase “What would Jesus do?” started to appear in sermons and Christian Theological novels, with the former citing the source Imitatio Christi (written in Latin between 1418 and 1427) by Thomas Kempis. This again became popular in the 1990s within Christian youth. The imitating of Christ is a perfect ideal of a mentor and father figure relationship, as we can strive to live by the example set forth by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This month, I would ask that a few moments and think about your relationship with Jesus Christ and God. How have they helped you in your time of need? How have you grown spiritually during your time as a Templar?





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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 <http://www.knightstemplar.org/122520course.htm>

. Assistance at the state level is available if needed.

New Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program launching on December 1, 2022



3) Drill Exhibition: We will be reinstating Drill Exhibition during the 167th Annual Conclave and are looking for Drill Teams to participate



December 2022 Upcoming Events

For those travelling around the state this month, here are activities you can participate in:

- o December 1 Monroe Commandery #19 Inspection
- o December 3 Detroit Commandery #1 Inspection
- o December 4 Howell Commandery Christmas Observance 2pm
- o December 11 Masonic Pathways Christmas Service 9:30am
- o December 11 Detroit Commandery Christmas Observance 2pm

All Inspection times and locations can be found on the Grand Commandery website.

Yours in Templary,

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