

August Message — Grand Commandery of Massachusetts & Rhode Island

From the Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

August is a gift we sometimes forget to appreciate. It is a moment of rest, of warmth, of time with family and friends. It is also a moment of preparation — a quiet space before the new Commandery year begins, where we can reflect on what we have built and what we hope to strengthen in the months ahead.

I encourage each of you to take full advantage of this season. Rest. Recharge. Spend time with your Ladies and your families. Enjoy the blessings God has placed in your life. We serve best when we are renewed, and August gives us that opportunity.

As we look toward the coming Commandery year, I ask each Sir Knight to consider **two or three simple steps** you can take to build your Commandery's program:

- **Strengthen one part of your ritual team** — even a small improvement lifts the entire Commandery.
- **Reach out to one Brother** who has drifted away — a personal invitation often rekindles interest.
- **Add one meaningful moment of education or inspiration** to your conclaves — even five minutes can deepen engagement.

Small steps, taken consistently, create lasting change.

If you would like to talk about your Commandery's plans, challenges, or hopes for the year ahead, I would be honored to have that conversation with you. Your Grand Commander is always available — sometimes the best ideas come from a simple discussion between two Sir Knights who care deeply about our Order.

Our **survey results** have now come in, and I want to thank every Sir Knight who took the time to share your thoughts. Your feedback matters. This data will be summarized and shared with the Grand Commandery line and the Long-Range Planning Committee. My hope is that, together, we can make thoughtful changes that help every Commandery become just a little stronger each year — without burning out the men who give so much of themselves.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to **each and every Sir Knight**, and to your **Ladies and families**, for all you do — for Commandery, for York Rite, for Masonry, for your churches, and for the world around you. Your service, your faith, and your dedication are the foundation of our Order.

May August, bring you rest, renewal, and readiness for the year ahead.

In His Service,

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