

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

The holidays are over. I hope your Thanksgiving and Christmas were blessed with the joy of celebrating them with your family and friends. All our Commanderies had their elections and installations are in full swing. I congratulate each of the newly elected officers. It is an honor to work with you for the next three months. Don't forget, this is the time to get out in front of the public by helping our Blue Lodges and appendent bodies with their installations, flag presentation and honor guards. We should help our blue lodges in any way that the Master would like. Also, there are many parades that celebrate the spirit of America. Let's be visible at these events.

Our youth groups are thriving. DeMolay and Rainbow are continuing to grow. Jobs Daughters only has three bethels but a couple more are in the works. It is always a pleasure to visit these groups and see the seriousness they show in their ritual work. I encourage each Sir Knight to do their part and get involved with one or more of these groups. It is our commitment to aid and help them to make them stronger.

A short message to our Recorders, you need to get your reports and the per capita to the Grand Recorder's office on or, before February 15<sup>th</sup>. To my District Deputies and the entire Grand Line, you are required to submit a report each time you visit a Commandery. Committee Chairmen, you need to begin with your committee report and when you feel comfortable that your work is complete, submit the final report for the proceedings 60 days before the Annual Conclave with a copy **to me and to the Grand Recorder**. If you are required to read your report at the Annual Conclave, we must have the written report turned in at that time. Turning it on time will assure its printing and each delegate having a copy in their packet. Remember, the proceedings are a part of our history

This year I have had the honor of visiting 26 of our Commanderies and will visit the remaining before the Annual Conclave. It has been a great experience for me to visit your Commanderies. Some are in great shape, some in good shape and some are struggling. Together we can help those that are struggling, have them overcome their obstacles and make them a viable and progressing Commandery.

Our District meetings are over. I want to thank each Sir Knight for attending these meetings. They are for you to gain information that you need and to improve your Commandery. This is a time for information and questions. We had a good turnout at most of the meetings. The District Deputies did a great job in organizing both the meetings and especially the ladies programs. Again thank you for supporting these meetings.

### Important meetings in January and February 2014:

January 15<sup>th</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to St Elmo Commandery, Installation  
January 17<sup>th</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to Sunshine Commandery  
January 21<sup>st</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to Lakeland Commandery  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to Ocala Commandery  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> - KYCH, meeting Miami  
January 27<sup>th</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to Miami Commandery (Installation)  
January 30<sup>th</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to Palatka Commandery (Installation)

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Table Chapter Bradenton Lodge (honoring the Grand High Priest)  
February 10<sup>th</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to Melita Commandery  
February 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Masonic Week (AMD), Reston, VA  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> - KYCH, Orlando  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Homecoming, for the REGC & MIGM, Cocoa, FL  
February 24<sup>th</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to St Johns Commandery, Panama City  
February 27<sup>th</sup> - Grand Commander's visit to Palatka Commandery, CARR Competition.

Sir Knights, we are fortunate to live in a wonderful country with the greatest freedoms known to man. Ours is the land of opportunity, but each of us need to exert ourselves to attain our highest goals. Join me in pledging that we will make this the best year ever. May God bless and keep you and give you peace.

Courteously and fraternally,

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Right Eminent Grand Commander*

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