

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

As we gathered for our Grand Session in Tampa, I would like to wish the incoming Grand Line of our Grand Commandery the best of luck for a very successful year. As your Grand Commander, this has been a full-filling year for me. This accomplishment is credited to our Grand Line, my great District Deputies and District Instructors. They have done a superb and excellent job this year. I also want to recognize our Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commanders who have given me assistance whenever I asked for it. I hope that I have served this Grand Commandery to the satisfaction of all.

Last year I enumerated a number of things that we hoped we could accomplish this year. Our new website is almost ready, thanks to all of the hard work of the technology committee. We knighted 128 new Sir Knights this past membership year, and this year seems even more promising. Most of our recorders are using the Y.R.I.S. system and many of our Commanderies records are looking much better. I remind everyone that any change within your Commandery, must be (1) entered into the Y.R.I.S. AND, (2) you must submit your monthly report to the Grand Recorder.

Finally, again, I wish to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve you as your Grand Commander. What I have asked of you is not to establish a record of performance or achievement but out of a sincere desire to see our jurisdiction operate better in the future. I also realize that much of this is new and takes time to become what it can be in the future. But we must begin somewhere. I believe that we have laid the ground work for future Improvement.

Remember your Mother Blue Lodge. We are all Master Masons first. The Blue Lodge is our lifeline and many could use our help. Your active participation in the Blue Lodge represents one of the best opportunities to let new prospects know what it means to be a York Rite Mason, particular a Knight Templar. Keep up the good work. God Bless each of you.

## Don't Look Back

As you travel through life, there are always those times  
When decisions just have to be made,  
When the choices are hard, and solutions seem scarce,  
And the rain seems to soak your parade.

There are some situations where all you can do  
Is simple let go and move on,  
Gather your courage and choose a direction  
That carries you toward a new dawn.

So pack up your troubles and take a step forward-  
The process of change can be tough,  
But think about all the excitement ahead  
If you can be stalwart enough.

There might be achievements you never imagined  
Just waiting around the next bend,  
And wishes and dreams about to come true  
In way you can't yet comprehend.

Perhaps you will find friendships that spring from new things  
As you challenge your status quo,  
An learn there are many options in life,  
And so many ways you can grow.

Perhaps you will find warmth and affection and caring  
And somebody special who's there  
To help you stay centered and listen with interest  
To stories and feelings you share.

Perhaps you will find comfort in knowing your friends  
Are supportive of all that you do,  
And believe that whatever decisions you make,  
They'll be the right choices for you.

So keep putting one foot in front of the other,  
And taking your life day by day.  
There's a brighter tomorrow that's just down the road-  
Don't look back! You're not going that way.  
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Courteously and fraternally,

**S.K. Henry Adams**  
*Right Eminent Grand Commander*

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