

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

At this time of year, we as Knight Templars should be celebrating. Easter is a time of renewal, of rebirth, and a time to rejoice in all we have been blessed with. By the time you read this we will be celebrating our Easter renewal. I remind each of you that the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, DC will be held on 20 April.

We are quickly coming to the end of this Grand York Rite Year. It has been a great year. Our Grand Conclave will be held in Tampa, from 27-30 April, and if you have not made your reservations and registration, do it soon. We would like to see the biggest crowd ever in Tampa. Activities for the ladies, good food and a lot of things to do in Tampa. Come to the Convention and enjoy.

I have visited all Commanderies in our state, and what pleasure and honor it has been to meet with you and observe your work. This is something that I will never forget. Your MEGHP and I were on the road carrying our Florida message to the other Grand Conclaves, of our region as well as Alaska, North Carolina and the District of Columbia. It has been a great pleasure and honor to visit the bodies in your behalf. We have learned much that we can use here in Florida.

It is imperative that we all push hard to increase our numbers. It is no secret that we have suffered a decline in our numbers in that last year, as we approach the new year, I am confident that we again will start growing again. As I have traveled around the state, I see new petitions coming in at a good pace. I will have the Spring numbers fat the Grand Conclave. Never let down. We are all on the membership team, and we are all responsible for our York Rite Bodies and Blue Lodges. I am sure that you will continue the Lodge Representative Program for it is the best way to show who we are.

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

Since the bulk of travel is over, however, I will attend the Tennessee Conclave, and the Georgia Conclave, immediately after our Conclave is over.

Receipt For Kindness

(Author Unknown)

Fold two hands together
And express a dash of sorrow
Marinate it overnight
And work on it tomorrow
Chop our grudge in tiny pieces
Add several cups of love
Dredge with a large sized smile
Mix with the ingredients above.

Dissolve the hate within you,
By doing a good deed
Cut in and help your friend
If he should be in need.

Stir in Laughter, love and kindness
From the heart it has to come.
Toss with genuine forgiveness
And give your neighbor some.

The amount of people served
Will depend on you,
It can serve the whole wide world,
If you really want it to.

Sir Knights, thank you for making this an enjoyable year for Lady Kate and myself. We both appreciate the courtesies extended to us in our visits around this state. We have greatly enjoyed serving you and your Commanderies.

Courteously and fraternally,

S.K. Henry Adams
Right Eminent Grand Commander

"Every Christian Master Mason Should Be A Knight Templar"