



Grand Commander's Theme 2024-2025

My theme for this Chivalric year is **Templary and Traditions**

Coming off the 200th anniversary of the Knights Templar of Virginia, we learned a lot about the history of our Commanderies, when they were created, Membership, Community Functions, and most importantly, their Service to Christ and Masonry.

We need to look at what worked for our Templars in the past. What made them want to become Knight Templar? How they inspired the community and other Masonic Bodies. The overall Traditions they embraced and carried forward today.

Today, we celebrate Assentation Day, Religious Freedom Day, Easter Sunrise Service, and Christmas Observance. Most of these involve the public and other bodies of Masonry. We do non-asylum flag presentations and parades in public and historical places. We support our Charities: The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, KT Education Foundation, and the Baldwin Brown Fund. We also do York Right Programs in our Blue Lodges and are represented at the Grand Lodge Regional Leadership Course.

Traditions are not just the past but the present, making way for the future. We must start building our future traditions for the next 100 years. We need to start our days by offering up our denotations to God. To distribute alms to poor and weary Pilgrims, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind up the wounds of the afflicted, and inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality. If we follow these principles and practices, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.