

Note from the Colonel:

My dear friends in Christ, as we enter the Fall Season I ask that each and every member of the Knights of St. John International take a moment to reflect on Christ's life here on earth. Christ came to us not to be served, but rather to serve God and God's mission. Let us, as Knights use Christ's life as a servant to reflect on our mission, to be servants of God. Not only is it our mission to be spiritual but it is also our mission to be charitable. During this season, take some time to volunteer at your local church, a local community organization or help a friend or family in need. While doing the work that Christ set out to do, think not how it can benefit you or glorify you in some way, rather think of the cause and the reason you are volunteering.

On October 18th, 2009 the New York Grand Officers meeting will be taking place. This meeting will be held at 1:00pm at Commandery No. 41 in Utica, NY. All officers please have your reports ready prior to the meeting and bring at least twenty-five copies. Brig. Gen. Joseph Schmitt and myself encourage all officers to be present. We will be discussing the upcoming initiation of a new Commandery in Trenton, NJ.

The key in helping the Knights of St. John grow is encouraging new members to join. One way to do this is to concentrate on marketing your Commandery. Commandery No. 41 out of Utica, New York has been working with a clothing designer to develop various items that can be worn on an everyday basis. They have seen much success with this campaign. Currently, there is a back order on shirts and sweat pants. This is a very easy way to get the Knights of St. John name out into the community for a very minimal price. Also, this is a big draw for the younger individuals that are looking for an organization that has some life to it.

In closing, please keep all the members of the Knights of St. John in your thoughts and in your prayers. If there is anything that I can do for you please feel free to send me an email at coljohnryz@gmail.com.

In Brotherhood,

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