

# THE CROSS & CROWN



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## Grand Commander's Message

My Fellow Sir Knights of California:

This article combines a piece that I wrote for the California Supplement of the *Knights Templar* magazine with some remaining thoughts. This introduction was necessitated because the KT Magazine has discontinued the inclusion of the State Supplements in the print version and now requires those who remain interested to search the website, click on the Supplement link, find the appropriate State and then select the necessary month. Excuse me for being dubious but I doubt many of you will go to that trouble. I hope I'm proved wrong, but ... .

One of the things that disappoints me about this decision is that new contributors to the Grand Commanders Club and Grand Masters Club programs of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will not see their names in print. I always liked the recognition given to our contributors and would, for the Sir Knights I knew, try to call

and acknowledge their generosity. I still feel that way about those of you who commit your resources to this valuable and meaningful medical research. It saddens me that you may not be acknowledged to your peers.

Another disappointment is more personal. I've tried hard to provide content to you in my Message that might get you thinking about our Christian tradition and how it impacts our lives as Templars. Some of you have taken the time to acknowledge the message, for which I will always be grateful. This month I tried to tackle the issues of Time and Relativity, topics I'm barely literate about, but with a purpose. I wanted each of you to consider what you might do if God were to give you an additional day each month. Would you devote that time to considering your relationship to the universe and the ones you love? Would you consider how you could improve yourselves as men, leaders in your communities and Christians? I truly believe that most of you would. For me, when I wrote that State Supplement, I was thinking about my deceased lady, my wonderful, supportive and caring wife Hallie, who passed away last December. Because of this, I asked our editor Phil Hardiman, to reprint the article. Here it is:

### September 2021 California Supplement

“If I could save time in a bottle, The first thing that I'd like to do, ...”  
Jim Croce, *Time in Bottle* (1973)

**Fellow Travelers on the Level of Time:** How many of us have thought, “if I just had a little more time,” or perhaps, “if I had to do it over. ...” Most of us have, I'm guessing. But that musing got me to wondering about the meaning of time. Likely too metaphysical a topic for this brief monograph, but a curiosity of mine and one that I hoped my casual thoughts might pique your interest in too.

St. Augustine, an early Christian philosopher, observed in *Confessions* that time is ephemeral: the past is no longer; the future is not yet; the present is, but lasts a fleeting moment. To Augustine, time was an irreversible succession of linear events, progressing inexorably from the past, through the present, to the future.

Time as a linear concept was accepted dogma from the first awareness of seasons. But as so often happens, philosophers, science-fiction writers, and literary pundits began speculating about “what if.” What if we could travel back in time, whom would you visit? What if we could see the future, what would our lives be like? One notable author, H.G. Wells, penned a serial novella in 1895, entitled, *The Time Machine*. (I guess these days we'd call a serial novella either a comic book or a graphic novel. The Victorians are to be admired in many respects.) Most of us remember the story from High School English class: Wells' protagonist ventures forward thousands of years to a time when gentle, childlike creatures called Eloi live in pastoral innocence but are hunted at night for food by the fearsome, underground-dwelling Morlocks. Although societal commentary was surely behind Wells' plot, readers were fascinated by the concept of time travel.

Newtonian ideas about the relationship of material properties were questioned by theoretical physicists in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Most importantly, Albert Einstein published his paper regarding the special theory of relativity in 1905. There he asserted that time was not constant but rather a relative. Einstein proposed that light traveling in a vacuum unaffected by gravity would alter time depending on the relative position of the observer. Thus, if a person were to board a spaceship traveling at near the speed of light and not subject to gravitational forces, the astronaut might complete the journey in what to him was but a few years. To an observer on earth, however, the trip would take decades. Thus, the 30-year-old astronaut might return home as a 35-year-old man, but his 30-year-old friends who remained behind would then be 80. Einstein called this concept the spacetime continuum, time being relative to the position and circumstances of the observer.

Einstein expanded his treatise with his general theory of relativity in 1915 to incorporate the effect of gravity. An explanation of this is well beyond the scope of my limited intellect but is fascinating reading for those of you with physics and/or mathematics curiosity. Subsequent astronomical observations have confirmed the presence of black holes as Einstein postulated, which raises the possibility of actual time-travel (I'm suggesting that you try this before me). The linear concept of time, evolving from past to future, is no longer the stuff of settled science.

My practice has been to try to tie my monthly columns to our faith. In that regard, September's message was prompted by a recent First Degree. At one point, the Master recites: "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light:' and there was light." Genesis 1:1-3. To have a beginning, time must exist. Augustine argued that God created time at the conception of the Universe and that questions about what happened *before* creation are meaningless because "before" didn't exist. Try wrapping your head around the implications of that!

But to answer the question I first posed: what would I do if I could capture time? I think of my wonderful, recently departed wife Hallie, as you yourselves may think of your own families, and reflect on the remainder of Jim Croce's lyrics:

If I could save time in a bottle  
The first thing that I'd like to do  
Is to save everyday 'til eternity passes away  
Just to spend it with you.

God Bless. And Thank You for taking the time to read my own lamentation.

"Fear Not: Proclaim and Celebrate Our Faith."

Courteously,

David W. Studley, KGC, KYGCH  
Knights Templar of California

## THE TRIENNIAL

The dais officers, Grand Recorder, several Past Grand Commanders and numerous California Sir Knights recently attended the 68<sup>th</sup> Triennial in Minneapolis. One of those Sir Knights, Dan Hood of LA No. 9, deserves special mention.



Dan happily provided transportation to and from the airport for many attendees. We are all deeply grateful for his brotherly service – Dan the Man is pictured above just before the banquet on Tuesday night, the 17<sup>th</sup>! Pictured below are some of the California attendees:



On Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Triennial convened, there were 4 presentations made by a Professional Geologist, Scott Wolter, who has done much work on the Kensington Rune Stone. You may have seen him on the History Channel. He made a convincing presentation that that Stone is authentic and genuine, and furthermore was created here in North America by ancient Templar Knights in the late 1300s! It is further possible that they brought with them some of the Templar Treasury that was later used to fund the Revolutionary War! That may sound far-fetched, but he promised future documentation of his several themes.

On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Triennial began in earnest, with many introductions and presentations. Our own SK Bruce Pruitt was honored as Honorary Past Grand Master! He is in good company with nine other Living Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Masters.

Also on Monday the Education Committee presented a certificate and pin to the winner of the first iteration in 2019 of the Templar Ritualist Program. For more info, see the Templar Ritualist article below.



On Monday afternoon and Tuesday, 26 Legislation were considered, using an electronic balloting system on loan from Oregon, and which gave instant results when the ballot was closed! Here is a synopsis of the more interesting items that were approved:

- #05 – Public appearances in Uniform
- #06 – Virtual Grand Conclaves
- #07 – Virtual Constituent Conclaves
- #08 – Summer Uniforms at discretion of Grand Commander
- #09 – Use of Short Form Ritual required for Opening when less than 9 Sir Knights present
- #14 – Offices in multiple Commanderies
- #16-18 – Holding, Special Purpose and Auxiliary Units
- #20 – Templar Apron
- #23&26 – Removal of sanctions against the Rectified Scottish Rite

One piece of Legislation failed – that which required a more extensive Attestation of Faith, and a uniform petition for all Commanderies.

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT PRAYER**

Beloved of God, called to be saints: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As we begin the new Triennium, I offer this prayer for our

Grand Encampment, our Commanderies, Constituent and Subordinate and for all Sir Knights wherever dispersed.

Almighty God, Your Kingdom truly is forever. Before the mountains were brought forth or You formed the earth or the sea, You reigned supreme over all powers and will for all eternity. Even as we look forward to the day when You destroy every rule and authority and power and put all things in subjection under Christ's feet. We come before You in supplication, able to approach Your throne only because Your son our Lord gave us the gift of Your Spirit, making us not just subjects of Your Kingdom, but sons and daughters. In the name of Your Son, our Lord, we ask that you accept our worship and hear our supplications. May our praises honor and please You. Blessed are You our Father.

We pray that You would make Your ways known throughout the world, that the Gospel of Salvation full and free in Jesus Christ would flow unrivaled throughout Your creation. Continue we pray to increase Your Grace in us until we are perfectly united in the glory of Christ Jesus.

Lord show your loving kindness on our families, Your blessings residing on our homes. We pray for those who grieve over pain and loss, experiencing brokenness in their lives, that they would be strengthened by Your promise "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Most merciful Father, thank you for your protection and blessings with which we are surrounded. Blessed are you our Father, who has given us our Lord Christ Jesus, surrounding us always with the comfort of thy Holy Spirit. - AMEN

The Love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in His service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Your in Christ's Love

Terry Plemons,  
R.E. Grand Prelate

## **GRAND SESSIONS 2021 & 2022**

The 2021 Souvenir Program is now available as a color PDF on the website as follows:

[https://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/Newsletters/2021\\_Grand\\_Session\\_Book.pdf](https://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/Newsletters/2021_Grand_Session_Book.pdf)

Grand Sessions in 2022 has two sets of dates:

March 5<sup>th</sup> for the Officers' Conference;  
May 14-19 as follows:

May 15, Sunday – Grand Banquet

May 16, Monday – Grand Chapter  
May 17, Tuesday – Grand Council  
May 18, Wednesday --  
Grand Commandery  
May 19, Thursday – Corporation

## **RECEPTIONS**

Several in-person receptions are now planned and scheduled: September 18<sup>th</sup> in San Jose; September 25<sup>th</sup> in Santa Rosa; and November 20<sup>th</sup> in Stockton. See Flyers at the end of this

newsletter. Stockton Flyer will come out later.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the 3-Way Reception will be combined with the 150 Year celebration for San Jose Commandery No. 10. See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Below is a picture of our Grand Commander at a recent Reception in Alameda:



## **SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The registration information for the 2021 SWYRC is now up and available to view and register.

[Welcome - Southwest York Rite Conference \(swyrc.org\)](http://swyrc.org)

PLEASE distribute this information to all your state's Chapters, Councils, and Commandries. **Grand Commandery Dais Officers and the Grand Recorder are required to attend this conference, or be excused by the Gra!** If you can, please list it on your state's Grand York Rite website and social media platforms; let's get the word out.

Thank you for all you do; it is extremely appreciated, and I hope to see you all in Vegas.

R.E.C. Erick VanEckhoutte, DGGHP/SW Region

## GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

Sir Knights one and all -- From the world of Ritual

First, I want to say how sorry that I am about what is going on in the world today. I know that some of us have friends involved in Afghanistan. Many of us have friends in the south/east being affected by Ida. Please stop for a moment and say a prayer.

I know that some Commanderies are still going to meet through Zoom. I would like to receive invitation to attend those meetings. To those who are going to meet in person, please take care to ensure that you stay safe. Covid is still here. No matter how you are meeting, practicing opening and closing can be gone through, leaving out passing the words.

If you are preparing for a conferral of the Orders, this must be done in person. Remembering that we need to present the best work to the candidates. The Inspectors are available to give assistance.

Qualifying for advancement work should be already started. One may think that there is still plenty of time, but time goes

fast and Installations will be on us. Questions will be forth coming.

The Southwest Regional York Rite Conference is coming fast. I recommend that those interested, apply for the Leadership program. The program is free, but it will cost you for a night's stay and meals. This is not only an opportunity to obtain great leadership training, but also rub elbows with the leadership at the National level. Registration is at [swyrc.org](http://swyrc.org). If you have the time, it is well worth attend the whole conference.

God Bless.  
Be safe.

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## TEMPLAR RITUALIST

As noted above, the essay singled out for recognition this Triennial was presented by S.K. Brandon Mullins of Michigan. He was initiated into the new Order of Clairvaux for such honorees, and later read his Essay on the Order of the Temple. Below is a picture of Brandon and his wife.



How many of you think you know much about the rituals of the Orders? There's a NEW way you can test yourself. Grand Encampment has established this Learning Management System, which you can access at: <http://templared.org/moodle/> .

Give it a try. Very soon now, there will be additional courses available: on Templar History and on the Trial of the Templars. You will have multiple choice quizzes to take on each Order and an opportunity to show off your excellence by submitting essays for everyone's edification!

The Editor

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE -- 2022

Good Afternoon, Sir Knights:

Attached you will find the Letter for the 2022 February Holy Land Pilgrimage for Ministers along with the appropriate forms.

Please see to it that all Recorders within your jurisdiction and all of their Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairmen receive this information.

Yours in Christ,

Emmett W. Mills, PGC, KGC  
Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Inc.  
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar,  
USA

## RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Recorders new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page

document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

## KT EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for 2022 will soon be available at:

[http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/KT\\_Scholarship.html](http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/KT_Scholarship.html). The deadline for 2022 applications will be **April 1, 2022**.

The Masonic Family has a large number of scholarships available to our youth, but how many of those in need of assistance really "KNOW" they are available? Help spread the word!



## THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$115.00 plus shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$125.00 plus shipping for sizes 50 to 59, also in short, regular, and tall; and \$135.00 plus shipping, for sizes 60-69. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 502-3224; or at his website: [www.mpenterprises.weebly.com](http://www.mpenterprises.weebly.com); or



directly to his email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

## ENCOMPASSER

The April 2021 edition is now available on the website. If you must have hard-copy, please call the Grand Recorder's office at the contact numbers listed below.

[https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser/%20issues/Encompasser April 2021.pdf](https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser/%20issues/Encompasser%20April%202021.pdf)

## GRAND COMMANDER'S CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 2021 – MAY 2022

Date	Event	Location
Aug 1, 2021	3-Way Reception and Picnic	SF, Orange Park Noon
Aug 7, 2021	YR College Initiation, El Camino #131	San Jose 10:00 am
Aug 7, 2021	3-Way Reception	2312 Alameda Ave, Alameda 2:30 pm
Aug 8, 2021	Officers' Conference	ZOOM, 5:00 pm
Aug 9, 2021	Lee Routt, Golden Vet	Tracy 6:30 pm
Aug 11-18, 2021	KT Triennial	Minneapolis
Aug 14, 2021	RCC, Cross and Crown	Folsom, 1:00 pm
Aug 20, 2021	Inspector's Retreat, Blue Lodge	San Ramon, All Day

Aug 22, 2021	Concordant Bodies	Modesto, 3:00 pm
Aug 24, 2021	3-Way Reception	Union City
Aug 29, 2021	KT Adjutants and Inspectors	ZOOM, 3:30 pm
Aug 30, 2021	KT Exec Comm	ZOOM, 5:00 pm
Sept 4, 2021	Inspector's SOI	Yolo Lodge, 9:00 am
Sept 4, 2021	Marty Cusing Hiram Award	ZOOM, 7:00 pm
Sept 8, 2021	Inspector's Annual Reception	Calaveras Lodge, 6:00 pm
Sept 18, 2021	Knight Masons Initiation	Folsom, 9:00 am
Sept 18, 2021	3-Way Reception and Sesquicentennial	San Jose, 5:00 pm
Sept 19, 2021	Tommy Farr Memorial	Modesto, 2:00 pm
Sept 25, 2021	Chapter Festival	Alameda, 8:00 am
Sept 25, 2021	2 Chapter Degrees, MMM and PM	Yuba City, 8:30 am
Sept 25, 2021	3-Way Reception	Virtual, Santa Rosa, 6:00 pm
Sept 26, 2021	Knight Masons, Clanna Ruid #58	Union City, 2:00 pm
Sept 27, 2021	Council Degrees	Omega, 6:00 pm
Oct 2, 2021	Council Degrees	Alameda, 8:30 am
Oct 2, 2021	Commandery Orders	LA 9 7:30 am
Oct 2, 2021	Inspectors SOI	Cap City Lodge, 9:00 am
Oct 8 – 10, 2021	Grand Lodge	In-Person, 8am to 5pm
Oct 23, 2021	Commandery Orders	Alameda, 8:00 am
Nov 6	Grand Chapter Golf Tourney. See flyer	Lake Chabot, Oakland, 8:00 am

Nov 20	Chapter Festival, MEM & RAM	Woodland, 9:00 am
Nov 20	3-Way Reception, 340 E Market St	Stockton, noon to 5:00 pm
March 5, 2022	Grand Officers' Conference	Visalia
May 15, 2022	Vespers	Visalia, Time TBD
May 15, 2022	GYR Banquet	Visalia, 6:00 pm
May 16, 2022	Grand Chapter	Visalia, 8:00 am
May 17, 2022	Grand Council	Visalia 8:00 am
May 18, 2022	Grand Commandery	Visalia, 8:00 am
May 19, 2022	Grand YR Corporation	Visalia, 8:00 am

If you would like to attend any of these events and need to know particulars about where and when and cost, please call any of the contact numbers below, or go to the Grand York Rite website calendar at:

<http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/itinerary.html>

## **TAX REPORTING**

Robert Wellington of Orange County Chapter No. 73 is willing to assist Chapters with guidance to restore their tax exempt status, if needed. If you would rather speak to a brother, Companion and Sir Knight, than an IRS or FTB agent, feel free to contact Bob at 714-396-0846, or [rozekroy@gmail.com](mailto:rozekroy@gmail.com)

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## SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: [www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org](http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org).

Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents." Then click on the appropriate logo. A window opens where you enter the userid, which is "cagyr" and the password, which is "brio"

Scroll down to Officers Manual, which has information for the Secretary, and print that out. Many concepts in the Grand Chapter manual are relevant to the Councils and Commanderies.

Priorities are as follows:

1. **Dues Collection** – You should send out dues notices no later than October, with payments from members due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. **Membership control** -- Especially important is the very last item, “Royal Arch Monthly Report.” This is relevant to you as a Secretary/Recorder if you do not yet have a userid for access to MMS – Masonic Membership Solutions. If you fill the paper report out each month, whenever you encounter changes to the membership, you will find it much easier at the end of the year to produce the year-end report, which is used to compute the amount of per capita the Chapter needs to pay. That payment is due by Jan 15th each year. Important changes to your membership include new members, demits, remits and deaths. Maintain e-mail addresses for members and you can easily then forward the monthly newsletter, The WORKMAN, to them.
3. Do not cavalierly suspend members for non-payment of dues. There is a Constitutional process that should be followed rigorously in order that members, who may have moved and not received your dues notice, are treated fairly. See the following sections of the relevant Constitution in order to learn about this process:

Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

4. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date end-of-year number of active members that is crucial for us when we compute your per capita payment. Without good data you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to begin your process near the end of the CY, as soon as possible. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive. But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS.
5. **Insurance** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15<sup>th</sup>, does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary-Recorder.
6. **Lodge Book of Marks** – Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.
7. **Minutes** – Take good minutes, but don't over-do it by trying to capture everything that is said. Focus on having a clear representation of motions made and the vote count by which they passed or failed. In addition to keeping petitions in a separate file, it is good practice to replicate the basic petitioner information in the minutes. It is also a good practice to keep the names of attendees at each meeting in the minutes. If conferring a degree, keep a copy of the cast members and the candidate(s). Also, please send the candidate class names to the Grand Secretary.
8. **Grand Sessions** – Before the April meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend, and arrange a stipend if your Chapter, Council or Commandery can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers of the Chapter and Council cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or they may elect a representative. This is true also for Commanderies, whose members cannot issue proxies. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
9. **Order of High Priesthood** – Be sure the current HP and PHPs know they are eligible to receive this Order. In fact, it is a Constitutional requirement! Share the petition with them and send to the Grand Secretary. This requirement does not appear to be true for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree or the Past Commander's Association. Petitions for all three bodies are available at the secure website.

# Ways to Donate

Special award programs for contributions include:

- o **\*Life Sponsor** - Available to Sir Knights (members of a Commandery) who donate \$30.
- o **\*Associate Patron** - Available to any person or organization that makes a donation of \$50.
- o **\*Patron** - Available to any person or organization that makes a donation of \$100.

\*Payments for Life Sponsor, Patron, and/or Associate Patron will exempt your Grand Commandery from further assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

- o **\*\*The Grand Master's Club** - One Thousand Dollars enrolls you as a concerned individual in the humanitarian work of the Foundation. The Grand Master's Club is available to all individuals, whether Templars or others, but not to organizations. Your membership in the Grand Master's Club entitles you to a lapel pin, an engraved wall plaque and the Crusaders Cross issued for the first 5 Grand Master Clubs. (As of 2/1/2015 once 25 Grand Master's Clubs are reached, a Sword of Merit will be awarded.)

- o **\*\*The Grand Commander's Club** - You can enroll in the Grand Commander's Club by sending in your first installment of \$100.00 or more. At the time of your enrollment, you will receive a lapel pin and wallet card (signifying your membership). In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100.00 or more for nine more years until the total of \$1,000.00 is reached. Once contributions total \$1,000.00, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. \*\*The Grand Master's Club and Grand Commander's Club are available to all individual Templars or others, but not to organizations.

- o **Memorial Donations** - These donations are of any amount in memory of a deceased person. A form is provided on the donor envelope.

- o **Honorary Gifts** - These donations are given in honor of a living person in recognition of service or friendship.

- o **Wills and Bequests** - Anyone who believes in the service provided by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. may leave a bequest to the Foundation in their will.

- o **Sight Crusader** - Anyone who designates the KTEF in their will and provides suitable notification to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. will be listed in the Gold Book and designated a Sight Crusader.

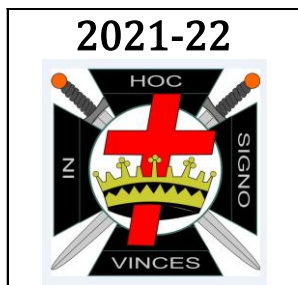
- o **The Permanent Donor Fund** - This unique fund gives perpetual recognition to any person or organization that becomes a recipient of the Golden Chalice or Sword of Merit. Recognition is given by presentation of the Golden Chalice or Sword of Merit and the name and amount contributed appear in the Annual Report on a continuing basis. Additional donations by the individual or organization in the amount of \$1,000 or more will be acknowledged in future annual reports. The donor may be an organization, foundation, corporation, or individual.

o **The Golden Chalice** - The Chalice is awarded in recognition of a single donation of \$10,000 or more. The donation may be applied to the Permanent Donor Fund.

o **The Grand Master's Sword of Merit** - This coveted award is given in recognition of a single donation of \$25,000 or more. The donation may be applied to the Permanent Donor Fund.

Fillable Form is at:

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**General Order 2022-01  
Guidelines for Implementation of Conferral Fees**

At the May 2021 Annual Conclave, our Sir Knights adopted Resolution 2020-03 as Templar Law. That Resolution raised the charge payable to Grand Commandery for conferral of the Order of the Temple to \$25 from the current \$14 assessment, an increase of \$11.

A question has been raised about the timing of this increase. Amendments to Templar Laws and Regulations become effective immediately following the conclusion of the Grand Conclave at which they are adopted.

Resolution 2020-03 also provides that the new charge for conferral be paid with the Annual Return. The conferral fee is based on the number of a candidates knighted in the preceding calendar year. Therefore, constituent Commanderies will be billed the new \$25 charge in 2022 based on the number of candidates knighted in 2021.

The Bylaws of constituent Commanderies require that they adopt a fee provision for the conferral of Templar Orders. Rather than absorbing the added cost in their existing fee, local Commanderies may desire to amend their Bylaws to increase the fee charged for Orders or to automatically adjust the fee for conferral to include the amount charged by Grand Commandery.

Section 11 of the *Uniform Code of Bylaws For Chartered Commandery* establishes the procedure to amend Bylaws. The process requires at least two Stated Conclaves for passage. Before a change to the Bylaws becomes effective, it requires approval by the Grand Commander.

It is my intention to approve without delay any change to the Bylaws of constituent Commanderies that amends the fee for conferral of Orders consistent with the alternatives presented here.

This order shall be read at the first conclave of each constituent commanderies following its receipt.

Courteously,

*David W. Studley*

Grand Commander



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**General Order 2022-02  
Guidelines for Re-opening Commanderies**

**This General Order sets for the guidelines and procedures required to conduct Commandery meetings or hold Commandery events.**

**On June 15, 2021, the State of California lifted its emergency COVID restrictions and Grand Master of Masons Art Weiss issued his "Reopening Directive II Addressing June 15th Removal of State-Imposed Restrictions on Meetings and Events." Consistent with the policies announced in those directives, the Grand Commandery of California publishes the following guidelines:**

- 1. Local Commanderies may conduct in-person meetings and events in compliance with county and local restrictions, if any. Individual counties and cities may choose to impose updated meeting limitations, in which case those restrictions must be enforced.**
- 2. Combined virtual and in-person meetings are not presently authorized. Virtual meetings may continue until September 30, 2021, if the Commandery so desires.**
- 3. Sir Knights and their guests who attend Commandery meetings and events must comply with any state, county or city guidance relating to face coverings in effect at the time of the meeting/event. Currently, the State and some localities are considering whether to reinstate mask mandates; be sure to check with all appropriate jurisdictions in advance of the event or meeting.**
- 4. Sir Knights and their guests will not be required to show proof of a negative COVID test or vaccination card to attend in-person meetings.**
- 5. Absent some change in State-mandated or applicable local directives, Commandery events and meetings will not require pre-registration, seating charts, special cleaning procedures, asylum COVID maintenance procedures or social distancing. Sir Knights are encouraged to practice safe gathering restrictions that are consistent with the ceremony undertaken.**
- 6. The guidelines published in this General Order shall apply to Commandery events, practices, conclaves, degrees, festivals and social gatherings within the State of California.**
- 7. This General Order shall expire when superseded or at the end of my term in office.**

Courteously,

*David W. Studley*

Grand Commander





# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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April 15, 2021

**Our Mission:** To send Ordained Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise.

**Our Goal:** To send 60 Ordained Christian Ministers on the 39th Holy Land Pilgrimage in February 2022

## **TO: Grand Recorders and Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairmen**

Gate 1 Travel Agency has reserved places for two (2) groups of 25+ people for the 2022 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates are:

**January 31 – February 10, 2022 and February 14 – February 24, 2022**

- Travel date will be honored on a first come, first served basis There will be 2 groups, A & B.
- The cost this year has increased and is **\$3,800.00** from JFK in New York to Tel Aviv, Israel. This includes three meals daily, entrance fees, standard tipping, and travel insurance. (Also included: fuel surcharge and the airport tax.) **This fee does not include domestic flights from your area to JFK (which are the responsibility of either the Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund or The Sponsoring Commandery).** Each state is encouraged to make their domestic flight arrangements with Gate 1 Travel to coordinate flight schedules.
- In order to expedite communications, please send your email addressed to [cuaewm@aol.com](mailto:cuaewm@aol.com).

Enclosed is a copy of the **Nomination Form** to be filled out for each pilgrim minister you select. (It would be useful for you to use this form for all ministers nominated in your state.) Also included in this mailing are the **Guidelines for Selection of Ministers, and a new Certification form.** When you submit the materials for your pilgrim ministers, you will need to include three items: Certification Form (signed by the Grand Recorder and the State Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman), the Nomination Form (filled out completely by the pilgrim minister), and the full fee (check made out to **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, INC**). **All of these items are due by September 30.**

Please note that this program is for ministers who might not otherwise have this opportunity. Any minister who has previously traveled to the Holy Land would not meet this criterion. The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage is intended for **first time pilgrims**, those who have not been to the Holy Land before. This pilgrimage is an 11 day program that covers as much ground as possible in the touring days (we average 5 – 7 miles of walking many days, often uphill or up steps and on uneven surfaces). Make sure your pilgrims are physically capable of fully participating in this trip.

Thank you so much for your continued prayerful support of this very important Christian Knights Templar program.

In His name,

*Emmett W. Mills, Jr.*

S. K. Emmett Mills, KCT, PGC, Chairman  
Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage  
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA

# Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

## GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF MINISTERS

The following are the selection criteria suggested for use in choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please carefully consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply.

Ministers to be considered should:

- Have **never traveled to the Holy Land** before.
- Be in **good physical health** (if the idea of walking a brisk mile or more – uphill, non-stop, with steps - is a concern, this may not be the program from which this person would benefit). This is a physically rigorous program. We average 5 – 7 miles of walking each day. Many surfaces are uneven, unpaved, with steps and some steep inclines. This is an important consideration. A person who is unable to fully participate will miss valuable parts of this experience. *(We do offer a Senior Pilgrimage in the Fall of even years for those with mild mobility issues.)*
- Be serving in some form of **Credentialed Ministry** (Ordained, Certified, Licensed, etc.) A copy of the minister's credentials (certificate or letter) is to accompany the nomination form.
- Be currently serving in a **leadership ministry**, with regular preaching responsibility. This means that they are employed by the church in a leadership role and that ministry is considered their primary source of income.
- Be mindful of the value of including **women and minority pastors** for consideration.
- Have **served at least one year** in full time ministry in a primary leadership role as pastor / minister.
- Have **at least ten years of full time service** remaining in their active ministry. This opportunity is intended to enhance the ongoing preaching, teaching and overall biblical understanding of the participant, and in turn, benefit those they serve.
- Be willing to travel with an **ecumenical group** of other ministers from many denominations and religious groups, both male and female ministers, and maintain a professional and courteous attitude toward all.
- Be willing to travel in a program sponsored by the **Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA**, an appendant organization of **Freemasonry**.
- Be willing to travel **without their spouse**. This is non-negotiable.
- Have the understanding that this is a **strenuous educational and spiritual study seminar / historical & cultural immersion experience** and not a vacation trip.



# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM 2022

1. FULL FIRST MIDDLE & LAST NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. TELEPHONE: area code (\_\_\_\_\_) home: \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

4. AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Spouse's name, if married: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years married: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Children's name(s) and age(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. HIGHER EDUCATION - give name of school, years attended, and degrees achieved:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Type of ordination and name of body conferring ordination (***please attach a copy of your ordination certificate***):

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Name of Church you currently serve and its complete address (including city, state & zip) and **office phone**:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Number of years in **full time** ordained ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

11. List other churches, years served and positions held:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you ever been to the Holy Land? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give the date(s) and the single most inspiring site visited:

\_\_\_\_\_

13a. Why would you like to travel to the Holy Land? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13b. Upon your return, how might this experience effect your ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Masonic affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Why did you elect to become a minister? \_\_\_\_\_

16. **Please obtain a signature** from the Chair of your Personnel Committee, Church Board, District or Regional Supervisor, etc. If selected to be a Pilgrim Minister on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, this pastor will be granted leave to participate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land as a guest of the Knights Templar? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land WITHOUT your spouse (this is not negotiable)? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Are you willing to be a part of a traveling group made up of members of many other denominations? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you know of any Knights Templar in your church? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please list name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

21. Are you aware of any health problems which would prevent or limit your participation in this strenuous trip? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Do you require medication? \_\_\_\_\_

23. What is the size of your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Number of ministers serving the congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you hold a valid passport for travel to Israel? \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, do you foresee any difficulty in obtaining one? \_\_\_\_\_

26. If chosen, will you be able to travel on the dates, **Jan. 31 – Feb. 10, 2022 or Feb. 14 – 24, 2022**

27. Has your name ever been submitted as a Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage nominee in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that this pilgrimage is an 11 day program that covers as much ground as possible in the touring days (we average 5 – 7 miles of walking many days, often uphill or up steps and on uneven surfaces) and I am physically able to fully participate.**

**I commit to clearing my personal calendar and making the necessary arrangements with the church to facilitate my full participation and travel with the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage if selected.**

Minister's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I recommend this individual for participation in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage and attest that they are fully informed of the necessary time and physical fitness requirements of this program.**

29. Recommending Commander's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

28. Recommending Commandery: \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery No. \_\_\_\_\_

30. Recommending Commandery– Local contact person for info, details, and arrangements (name, address, phones, & email):

\_\_\_\_\_



# Grand High Priest Golf Tournament North

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

**Proceeds support:**  
 Royal Arch Research Assistance  
 DeBarrow/Wohlfarth Scholarship Program  
 Grand Chapter Programs

Stroke Play - System 36 scoring

**Date:** Saturday, November 6, 2021  
**Place:** Lake Chabot Golf Course  
 11450 Golf Links Road, Oakland, CA, 94605  
**Time:** 8:00 AM Shotgun Tee off

**Signup Cutoff Date:** Sunday, September 17, 2021

**Registration:** Between 7:00 AM and 7:45 AM  
**Entry Fee:** \$125.00 per person [Includes Golf & Cart, Tee prize, Lunch]

This golf tournament is intended to raise funds for great charities. You or your organization can sponsor a hole for \$150, and 100% of the proceeds will go towards these charities.

To sponsor a hole, contact Thomas Chavez at 650-766-2319 or email @ [thomas.c.chavez@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.c.chavez@gmail.com).

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## Grand High Priest Golf Tournament

Nov. 6, 2021 Fund Raiser

Please return this portion  
 Make Checks payable to:

**East Bay York Rite  
 Association or EBYRA**

**Mail to:**  
**Marion Rogers**  
**7273 Hansen Drive**  
**Dublin, CA 94568**

If you have any questions, contact

Thomas Chavez at  
**650-766-2319**

Rollie Caabay at  
**707-246-6376**

Marion Rogers at  
**925-596-3312**

Player

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **The San Jose York Rite Bodies**

Are pleased to invite you to attend a  
Grand York Rite Reception honoring:

**Most Excellent Ray Broomfield**  
Grand High Priest

**Most Illustrious Peter Champion**  
Illustrious Grand Master

**Sir Knight David Studley**  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

And Celebration of

**The 150th Anniversary of  
San Jose Commandery No. 10**

To be held at:

San Jose Scottish Rite Center  
2455 Masonic Drive, San Jose, California

On Saturday September 18, 2021

Social at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, Program to follow.

Cost for Dinner is \$20. All proceeds to benefit York Rite Charities.

Your Check is your RSVP.

Please make your checkout to: San Jose Council #20

And mail it to:

Daniel Doornbos, 2165 Carobwood Lane, San Jose 95132-1213

Deadline to RSVP is September 14, 2021

Dress is red or purple jacket, Commandery uniform,  
business suit, or sports coat and tie.

The North Bay York Rite bodies invite you to join us!



## GRAND YORK RITE 3 WAY RECEPTION

September 25, 2021 6:00PM

Santa Rosa, CA

**Honoring California's Grand York Rite Leaders!**



**Most Excellent Companion**  
**Raymond A. Broomfield, KYGCH**  
167<sup>th</sup> Grand High Priest  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of California



**Most Illustrious Companion**  
**Peter G. Champion, KYGCH**  
161<sup>st</sup> Grand Master Cryptic Masons California



**Sir Knight David W. Studley, KYGCH**  
163<sup>rd</sup> Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California



### **Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/81469107080?pwd=cUFCbVljY2Z5ZDdtK1BFYmxKQ0NuZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 814 6910 7080

**Passcode:** NBYR2021

Ladies & guests are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Dress for Companions and Sir Knights is respective Jacket Color with appropriate accessories. Non-York Rite Brothers are suggested to wear a dark suit.**

For information please email Gregory McKenna: [artfulclimber@gmail.com](mailto:artfulclimber@gmail.com)