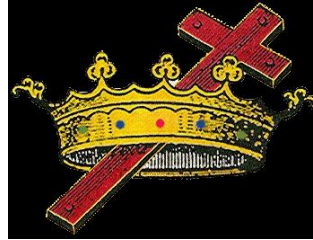


THE CROSS & CROWN



David W. Studley, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California

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Grand Commander's Message

Companions and Sir Knights,

My friends and Colleagues: As we begin our own “excellent adventure”, or perhaps more aptly, enter our *Brave New World*, a recognition of the challenges facing our Commanderies is appropriate. First and foremost, our local and statewide leaders face the tasks of reopening and reinvigorating our fraternity. Reopening is the easier chore but perplexing, nonetheless. We are commanded to follow State guidelines, whatever those may be, and abide by the procedures established by local Hall Associations for the safe resumption of our conclaves. This chore will undoubtedly be complicated by those who refuse to be vaccinated for whatever and however worthy their personal beliefs may be. While many of us might sympathize with these concerns, we are still required to follow Grand Lodge dictates implementing prescribed Statewide procedures. (The local news this morning reported that mask requirements may remain in effect into 2022. I am befuddled by the “science” supporting this restriction but adherence to State mandates is required.) There is certain to be tension regarding the checking of vaccination “passports” and the desire of our Sir Knights to freely participate in our

gatherings. I wish you all well in these endeavors and encourage our officers to give thought in advance to managing these concerns.

Reinvigorating our brothers who can participate is the more difficult task. We haven't performed ritual for a year. Many of our celebrations, including the Easter and Christmas events, were not performed. We knighted no new Sir Knights after March 2020. It will be a task for most commanderies just to open in 9-man form. I know that our Inspector General and his staff of Inspectors are working hard to anticipate these difficulties and "re"-educate our Sir Knights. Practice never hurts. Even small groups can work on sword proficiency, floorwork and ritual recital. Your Inspectors are there to help. But you can address any questions, no matter how trivial and at whatever time of the day or night, to James Baum, Inspector General, (268) 669-5245 (the numbers spell "County Jail" on the telephone keypad, which is where you'll likely wind up if you take my advice and fail to go through your Inspectors first).

Grand Conclave. Attendance at our virtual business meeting and installation was outstanding, almost identical to what we've enjoyed at our in-person events. Accolades to SK Gregg Hall, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, for registering all the attendees and verifying the voting status of participants; and, to SKs Jordan Yelinek and Marty Cusing for scripting the remarks and flawlessly handling the electronic communications.

Our proposed Legislation passed with a single exception. Of note, our Sir Knights overwhelmingly adopted a \$5 increase in *per capita* tax and authorized any changes by Grand Encampment to the *per capita* tax to be included – and separately stated – in the annual bills. I will publish a General Order this month authorizing expedited approval of annual dues assessments by our local commanderies.

Scheduled Events. We're off to a slow start on receptions and events and most commanderies await the new State guidelines scheduled for June 15th. Hopefully, given time to assemble and practice, we can resume these festive gatherings this summer and fall.

At present, these are the scheduled events for Commandery:

June 12, 1:00 pm	Channel Islands 3-way Reception (virtual)
July 31, TBD	San Francisco Peninsula Picnic/Reception
August 7, 3:00 pm	East Bay York Rite Reception

Summer is upon us. Get outdoors, start barbequing with friends and family, enjoy our upcoming July 4th celebration, and return to normal.

Courteously and Fraternally,

David W. Studley, KYGCH, KCT
163rd Grand Commander
Knights Templar of California

GRAND SESSIONS 2021 & 2022

Many Thanks to Dave Glass, Tom Krummell, Richard Fonseca, Marty Cusing, Gregg Hall and Jordan Yelinek for the work they did in organizing the three Grand Sessions this year. Also, Muchos Gracias to Ricky and Dennis Ward for their steady hand in soliciting and receiving and preparing the Souvenir Program, which will be available soon!

SEE THE GRAND COMMANDERY RESULTS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

Grand Sessions in 2022 has two dates:

March 5th for the Officers' Conference;
and 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

The deadline for accepting Ad requests for the Souvenir Program is now June 14th. See the AD form at the end. We continue our tradition for you to advertise your business, organizations, congratulatory messages, etc. in our Souvenir Program. As it was last year, this will be available in PDF format for downloading after the Sessions, which will include the results of the Sessions. And because this produced electronically, this will be a full color program. You are authorized to vote to pay for the advertisements in your Chapter, Council and Commandery virtual meetings.

RECEPTIONS

Several in-person receptions have now been planned and scheduled! Channel Islands on Saturday, June 12th (see flyer); SF Peninsula on Sunday, August 1st (Orange Park in San Francisco); and East Bay on Saturday, August 7th.

Regarding Parking at events in Alameda, be sure to check beforehand regarding the situation on Alameda Avenue. The Island City Lodge is located at 2312 Alameda Ave.

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

Sir Knights All

From the world of Ritual

Now that we have been given the green light to meet again “normally,” it is time to get to work. As with some of us it means relearning the ritual of our station and then our next station. One would think that we have kept up on the ritual, but that is not the case. We have procrastinated to the point we no longer have it down. We also now have the chore of relearning the tactics. I know that we all can do it, so let's get it done.

We have many companions in waiting. Hopefully, we have kept in touch with them. Ritual teams need to practice and hopefully be ready by all to confer the orders in the fall. Inspectors will be visiting each commandery to assist in any way they can to regain that which was lost. Remember that September is the time we start to work on advancement.

I have been meeting with the Grand Lodge Grand lecturer, Grand Chapter Grand

Lecturer, Grand Council Director of Ritual on ways to increase membership. It is agreed that to increase membership we all must work together. I know that to become a Mason, one must ask. But we can be visible in our communities. There are many activities we can use to inform the public of who we are and how to get involved. Parades, fairs, open house, award BBQs/dinners inviting the public. This should be a team effort. As I see it there are no secrets about masonry, with the advent of the internet, except that "to be one, one must ask one". We need to be ready to answer the request. Visit your lodge "in color" and tell them that you are there to work with them.

Be safe.

Sir Knight Jim Baum
Grand Inspector General
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TEMPLAR RITUALIST

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 a 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 brilliance by submitting essays for everyone's edification!

The Editor

GRACE DEE MAY MUSEUM

The Museum is proud to announce that the Los Angeles Independent Shorts Awards has honored the Grace Dee May Museum with an Honorable Mention Award for the Museum's video trailer, "The Knights of Early Los Angeles" which shares the history of the Knights Templar. See the flyers at the end of this newsletter and view the video on the GDM Museum's website: www.gracedeemay.org.

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. 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; or directly to his email at 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

JUNE 2021 – MAY 2022

Date	Event	Location
June 12, 2021	3-Way Reception. See flyer below	Channel Islands, Virtual 1:00 pm
August 1, 2021	3-Way Reception and Picnic	SF, Orange Park Noon
August 7, 2021	'3/4'-Way Reception	Alameda, 2:30 pm
Sept 25, 2021	Chapter Festival	Alameda, 8:00 am
Oct 2, 2021	Council Degrees	Alameda, 8:30 am
Oct 23, 2021	Commandery Orders	Alameda, 8:00 am
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

GRAND COMMANDERY CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: 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 31st.
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 15th, 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 15th, 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.



2021 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

Souvenir Ad Program Order Form

The program will be available in full color PDF format for distribution after the Sessions

Company Name or Organization _____

Contact _____

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address City, State Zip _____

What do You Want Your Ad to Say?

Camera ready ad material is preferred. Provide an attachment in any of the following formats: pub, pdf, docx, doc, wpd, jpg, jpeg, bmp, png
To ads@ca-gyrs.org

Payment must accompany Ad request, payable to
"Grand York Rite of CA" or we will invoice you via
PayPal to use your credit card.

DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING AD REQUESTS: 5/01/21

Send Ad and Payment to

CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2809

or email ads@ca-gyrs.org

Questions: Tom at (562) 924-8500

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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:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58c7f0641b10e32dd8e9c08b/t/5dcd8df329397e43c93f04dc/1573752308086/donations2019.pdf>

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LOS ANGELES, MARCH 2001

Roll out the Red Carpet for the California York Rite Bodies!



We're proud to announce that the Los Angeles Independent Shorts Awards has honored the GDM with an Honorable Mention Award for the Museum's video trailer, "The Knights of Early Los Angeles".

The film festival released its list of winners in various categories of short films, documentaries, live action, fantasy, animation, and trailers.

The Grace Dee May Museum's entry "The Knights of Early Los Angeles", the trailer for an upcoming documentary feature, takes viewers back to the historic and romantic Rancho days of California and begins the saga of a new era with the coming of American and European immigrants

who changed a sleepy pueblo into the dynamic City of Los Angeles.

"The story of the impact that members of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 Knights Templar had on the founding and development of Los Angeles is incredible," reports Sean Foran, Curator and President of the Board of the Grace Dee May Museum. "The names of many of these Freemasons live on as the names of communities, streets and businesses. However, until now, few have heard of the connections between these men as Masons and as citizens. So we're honored that this video produced by the Grace Dee May Museum has been recognized among the entries by the LA Independent Shorts Awards."



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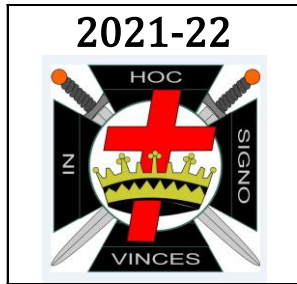
View the trailer, "The Knights of Early Los Angeles", visit:
<https://youtu.be/BJ2-7DOWRJw>



**Watch for screenings of "The Knights of Early Los Angeles"
at other Film Festivals around the world including:**

Cairo Shorts Film Festival, Cairo, Egypt
Cine Al Patio Shorts, Buenos Aires, Argentina
European Cinefest Golden Nika, Brandenburg, Germany
Grace Film Festival, San Francisco, CA, USA
Independent Shorts Awards, Los Angeles, CA, USA

IndieX Film Fest, Los Angeles, CA USA
Leuven International Short Film Festival, Leuven, Belgium
Moscow Shorts, Moscow, Russia
The Pigeon International Film Festival, Isafjordur, Iceland
Sunlight International Film Festival, Berlin, Germany



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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



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.

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.



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):

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David W. Studley, KYGCH

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Grand Commandery of Knight Templars of
California**

**June 12, 2021
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**PHILIP A. HARDIMAN
GRAND RECORDER**

May 15, 2021

To: All Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commandery Officers,
Inspectors, Committeemen and Commanderies

Sir Knights:

Herewith for your information are the results, in summary form, of the actions taken at the 163rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in California:

GRAND COMMANDER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1: Change of wording of Standing Resolution 1 of the Grand Commandery Constitution to California's Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund regarding Grants and Scholarships.	YES	117	98.3%	PASSED
	NO	2	1.7%	
Recommendation No. 2: Granting voting rights in this Grand Commandery to Sir Knight Gregory A. Corey the recorder of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, a Past Commander of Robert Macoy No. 3 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.	YES	131	86.2%	PASSED
	NO	21	13.8%	

2021 RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-01 – Grand Encampment Authorized Five Knights Quorum	YES	110	85.9%	PASSED
	NO	18	14.1%	
Resolution 2020-02 – Modifies the Payment Structure of Life Membership Plans	YES	115	90.6%	PASSED
	NO	12	9.4%	
Resolution 2020-03 – Amend Section 318 of the Constitution of California by Raising the Conferral Fee for the Order of the Temple	YES	110	85.3%	PASSED
	NO	19	14.9%	
Resolution 2020-04 – Amend Part I Article V Section 319 of the Laws and Regulations of California by Raising the Per Capita Tax Charged to each Knight Templar	YES	114	91.2%	PASSED
	NO	11	8.8%	
Resolution 2021-01 – Modify Section 394(1) of the Constitution of California by increasing proposed changes filed to 120 days.	YES	38	60.4%	FAILED
	NO	87	69.6%	
Resolution 2021-02 – Date of Per Capita to “on or before April 1st	YES	115	93.5%	PASSED
	NO	8	6.5%	

Resolution 2021-03 – Provides for Automatic	YES	114	89.8%	PASSED
Adjustment of Per Capita when Increased by Grand Encampment.	NO	13	10.2%	

In addition to the above, the following actions were also taken:

The Grand Commandery adopted the budget for 2021-2022 as proposed by the Deputy Grand Commander.

The per capita assessment for the upcoming fiscal year was adopted and fixed at \$34.00.

Total registration for the 163rd Annual Conclave was 259 registrants and all 33 chartered commanderies represented.

The elected and appointed officers of the Grand Commandery duly installed for the Templar year commencing on May 15, 2021 are:

ELECTED OFFICERS

David W. Studley, KGT Grand Commander
 Craig L. Flagtwet Deputy Grand Commander
 Roger S. Ross..... Grand Generalissimo
 Jordan T. Yelinek Grand Captain General
 Anthony C. McLean Grand Treasurer
 Philip A. Hardiman, KTCH, KCT..... Grand Recorder

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Raymond E. Davies, KCT Grand Prelate
 Joseph K. Dongo, KTCH..... Grand Senior Warden
 Rick L. Baca Grand Junior Warden
 D. Mike Edwards Grand Standard Bearer
 William J. Miklos, III..... Grand Sword Bearer
 Jarrod D. Washington..... Grand Warder
 Efren D. Prado Grand Sentinel
 James G. Baum, KTCH, KCT Grand Inspector General

GRAND YORK RITE OF CALIFORNIA
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – May 2021
Lewis L. Main, Jr.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A. AWARDS – May 2021

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Marty M. Cusing Golden Gate Commandery No. 16

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

William A. McBroome Eureka Commandery No. 35
Cirilo P. Marquez Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
Lewis L. Main, Jr. Long Beach Commandery No. 40
David R. Joliffe Golden Gate Commandery No. 16
Richard A. Fonseca Santa Rosa Commandery No. 14
Daniel L. Doornbos San Jose Commandery No. 10
Arthur H. Weiss Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

Lady Leslie McBroome

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS – May 2021

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

Statewide	David B. C. Leikam	Palo Alto Commandery No.47
Department I	Steve D. Lerner	San Diego Commandery No. 25
Department II	Gary M. Iverson	Whittier-St. John Commandery No. 51
Department III	Peter G. Champion	San Luis Obispo Commandery No. 27
Department IV	Gregory E. McKenna	Santa Rosa Commandery No. 14
Department V	David M. Anderson	Vacaville Commandery No. 38
Department VI	Donald H. Black	Shasta Commandery No. 17