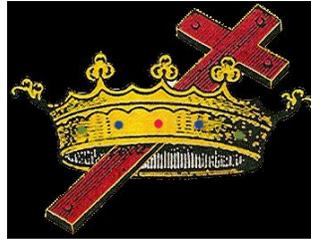


THE CROSS & CROWN



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

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Grand Commander's Message

Companions and Sir Knights,

Greetings Sir Knights and Devoted Readers of Cross & Crown: I say “devoted” somewhat tongue-in-cheek as this is only the second issue of C&C, so devoted means you read the first one! But I’ve learned to accept graciously all accolades when offered, no matter how inconsequential and I recommend the same to you. Lessons learned at my mother’s knee.

I hope that Eminent SK Phil, who edits this publication, will include my latest General Order regarding Reopening (which I have yet to write, so any omission is on me, not Phil). Here, as a working summary, are the expected highlights:

- State, County and Local directives supersede anything I might say. I know, I don’t think it’s fair either. So be sure to check the jurisdiction’s COVID website before following my suggestions.

- The same rules will apply to practices, conclaves, degrees, and in-State festivals. See, however, point 1 above.
- We won't have a Sergeant-at-Arms who is required to check for vaccination cards. Honor system prevails.
- Masks are required only for those not vaccinated. I don't know why either if the vaccine prevents infection and the threat of contagion, but that's the rule.
- Seating charts, distancing, and reservations are kaput. Thank the Lord for small favors!
- It's up to the local Commandery whether to serve meals. I recommend that, until Cal-OSHA makes up its mind on the mask-for-servers mandate, that our servers wear masks. It might even be better to avoid prepared food service for a reasonable time to let this issue settle out.

So on to brighter things. Masonic activities are starting to pick up. We Grand Officers have receptions scheduled for the San Francisco Peninsula York Rite on July 31 (12 noon, currently) and the East Bay York Rite on August 7 in Alameda (social beginning at 3 pm). Many of you are also starting to emerge from your Masonic cocoons, metamorphized into glorious York Rite butterflies. This means that at public and in-person meetings, the appropriate uniform does NOT include gym shorts and shower shoes!

Speaking of uniforms: at Receptions, if Class A is specified, then I encourage all Sir Knights to wear the chapeau, unless your commandery is cap and mantle or has all adopted the fatigue headwear. My personal view is that the chapeau distinguishes us and should be worn on formal occasions. Now, an addendum. Sometimes, it will be permissible for an officer to wear his blue jacket (Dodger blue, ugh), especially in the summer months if the reception is indoors. This is what I hope will be the case in Alameda because it's hot upstairs and lacks AC. Generally, the Peninsula picnic is casual but I'll specify the dress code when I hear.

So, summer's here, we're congregating outdoors again, my hearty wish to all is to enjoy the fellowship.

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 on the website as soon as tomorrow!

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

RECEPTIONS

Several in-person receptions have now been planned and scheduled! SF Peninsula on Sunday, August 1st (Orange Park in San Francisco); and East Bay on Saturday, August 7th; and Union City on August 24th. See the flyers at the end of this newsletter.

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.

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. 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

We are now entering a time that may seem strange to us. A time when we can meet in person. Since I know that many have been waiting for this day, we still should take it slow. I know that the officers are diligently studying their work and will be ready to open a conclave in full form. Your Inspectors are anxious to help you in that endeavor. By September you should be ready to be in advanced stations. I am asking the Inspectors to do a full inspection in October, so you need to be ready.

The Grand Encampment is meeting in mid-August and we all should be ready for any changes to the constitution that may be passed. I will give you more information as it becomes available.

In my virtual travel this past year I know that every commandery has Companions in waiting. There are a few festivals being planned throughout the state. I have just

learned that the Colorado River Fall Festival will not be held this year, which gives us one less than expected. We will get through it. It may require travel to accomplish and remember to include our Prince Hall Sir Knights as visitors to these Orders.

Last, to build, we to work together. Attend your lodge because everything starts there. Blue coats are a great way to attract attention to the Commandery,

From the world of Ritual

Be safe.

Sir Knight Jim Baum
Grand Inspector General
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760-885-0256 (leave a message and I will get back to you.)

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/commander_y/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

GRAND COMMANDER’S CALENDAR

JULY 2021 – MAY 2022

Date	Event	Location
July 2, 2021	Grand Commandery Brazil, Installation	Zoom, 4:00 pm, PDT
August 1, 2021	3-Way Reception and Picnic	SF, Orange Park Noon
August 7, 2021	3-Way Reception	2312 Alameda Ave, Alameda 2:30 pm
August 24, 2021	3-Way Reception	Union City
Sept 25, 2021	Chapter Festival	Alameda, 8:00 am
Sept 25, 2021	2 Chapter Degrees, MMM and PM	Yuba City, 8:30 am
Oct 2, 2021	Council Degrees	Alameda, 8:30 am
Oct 8 – 10, 2021	Grand Lodge	In-Person, 8am to 5pm
Oct 23, 2021	Commandery Orders	Alameda, 8:00 am

GRAND COMMANDERY CONTACT INFORMATION

Nov 6	Grand Chapter Golf Tourney. See flyer	Lake Chabot, Oakland, 8:00 am
Nov 20	Chapter Festival, MEM & RAM	Woodland, 9:00 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

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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

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.

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>

Return to
the romance
and history of
the California
Rancho era

The Knights of Early Los Angeles

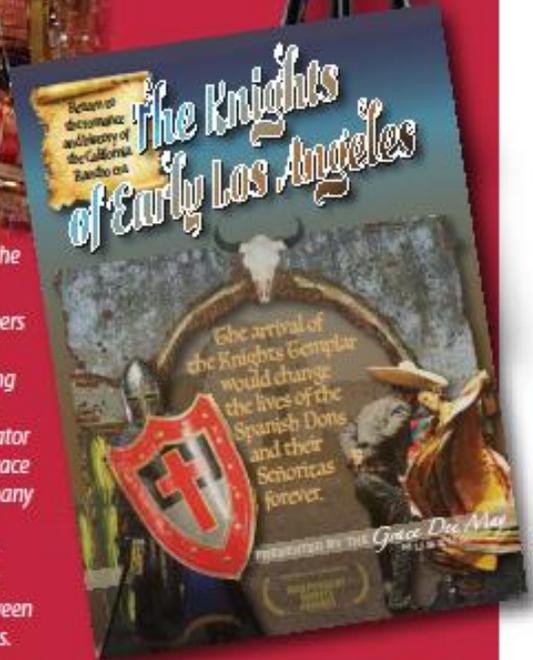


The arrival of
the Knights Templar
would change
the lives of the
Spanish Dons
and their
Señoritas
forever.

PRESENTED BY THE *Grace Dee May*
MUSEUM

HONORABLE MENTION
INDEPENDENT
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LOS ANGELES, MARCH 2011

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."

www.gracedeemay.org

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



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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.

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.

 Tear Here Return this portion with your Entry

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: _____

Pairing _____

SAN FRANCISCO-PENINSULA-PALO ALTO
YORK RITE BODIES

Annual Picnic & Grand York Rite Reception

HONORING

M. E. E. Ray Broomfield, KYGEH

GRAND HIGH PRIEST
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

M. A. P. Peter Champion, KYGEH

GRAND MASTER
CRYPTIC MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

R. E. E. David Stadley, KGC, KYGEH

GRAND COMMANDER
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA

Sunday, August 1, 2021
11:00 am gather time | 1:00 pm lunch

Orange Park
35 W Orange Ave
South San Francisco, CA 94080

RSVP BY JULY 25

\$15/ADULT

\$8/CHILD 7-12 OR FREE/CHILD UNDER 6

RSVP & Checks to
CA Commandery #1

MAIL TO:
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34400 MISSION BLVD
APT 1210
UNION CITY, CA 94587

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Grand York Rite Reception

EAST BAY YORK RITE

Honoring

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Raymond A. Broomfield, KYGCH

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Peter G. Champion, KYGCH

Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK David W. Studley, KYGCH

Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021

Time: 3:00 P.M. Social 3:30 P.M. Dinner

Location:

Alameda Masonic Hall
2312 Alameda Avenue
Alameda, California

R.S.V.P. with a Check to "East Bay York Rite"

Send to: **Federico Baclig**

5021 Vesteny Ct., Antioch, CA 94531-7812

925-216-1174

eastbayyorkriteassn@aol.com

Cost \$25.00 per Person

PLEASE R.S.V.P. before July 31, 2021

**Please include your menu selection along
with your RSVP**

menu selections:

Chicken Veronique, Roasted Beef Tri-tip, or Stuffed Acorn Squash



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Prancha n° 002 de 25/06/2021 A.D. | 903 A.O.
Invite to Installation

*To the Right Eminent Department Commander,
Sir Knight Sidney J. Leluan III,*

Dear R.E. Sir Knight,

I hope this communication finds you and your family well and safe.

*It is with great honor and pleasure that we invite you to the Installation of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Brazil by the Most
Eminent Grand Master, Jeffrey N. Nelson.*

*The installation will take place virtually, by the Zoom platform, on the next **July
2nd, 2021, at 6:00 pm (CDT).***

All the registrations to attend must be completed through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudO6rqDogHtMoof7ByaPdOoRpx86ZP1O>

*The room will be opened at **5:30 pm (CDT)**, so we can receive everyone before
the starting time.*

*Please, do extend this invitation to all Officers of the Grand Encampment and
all Grand Commanderies and Priories within your reach.*

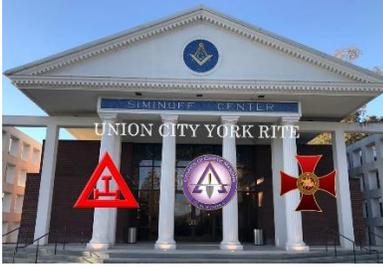
It would be a great honor to have you with us in this historical moment!

Fraternally,

Grande Secretaria Geral

Prancha n.º 002 de 25/06/2021

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Union City York Rite Bodies

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
TO THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 at 7:00PM (PDT) VIRTUAL ZOOM
THREE WAY **GRAND YORK RITE RECEPTION**

Honoring

Raymond A. Broomfield and Lady Christine
167th Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

Peter G. Champion and Lady Janice
161st Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

David W. Studley
163rd Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California

Topic: Union City YRB Three-way Grand York Rite Officers Reception
Time: Aug 24, 2021 7:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96070558648?pwd=RU5nanUvL3ljQ2srUjJoZExZSGVMdz09>

Meeting ID: 960 7055 8648
Passcode: 2021