

ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT



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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR 53rd VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

Sir Knights;

The 52nd Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Foundation ends on May 15, 2020 and the 53rd Voluntary Campaign begins. As it stands, at the time of this writing, the Sir Knights of Alabama have contributed \$10,680.00 to the 52nd campaign.

When the report of the 51st campaign was given at the Grand Commandery in February the contributions to the Eye Foundation were down \$3,747.87 less than the previous year and our Top Dollar Rank in contributions to the Eye Foundation was 31st, down from 23rd. Our Active Member Per Capita Average Rank was 38th, down from 25th and our Cumulative Total Dollar Rank was 32nd, down from 28th.

Sir Knights the realization that we are all constantly being asked to contribute to various charities is certainly something that we are aware of and there are very many worthy charities that are bidding for our contributions but as masons we should be putting our masonic charities first. Most all of the contributions made to our different philanthropies go to the charities, not to expenses of board members, expensive campaigns to solicit contributions, annual board meetings, etc. Much of the support of our philanthropies are fulfilled by faithful volunteers who receive nothing for their time.

This is an appeal to you as Sir Knights to contribute to your Eye Foundation no matter what the sum. Give what you can afford but please give something. This you can do through the State Chairman Emory J. Ferguson, 1615 Lakeview Drive, NW, Cullman, AL 35055 or directly to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1033 Long Prairie Road, Suite 5, Flower Mound, TX 75022-4230. When making a contribution be certain to include your name, address and your Commandery name and number for proper recognition.

Emory J. Ferguson, PGC
State Chairman in Alabama
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

GRAND PRELATE'S APARTMENT

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast

Psalm 139: 7-10 (NIV)

Have you ever felt lost? I know I have. When I was in the Boy Scouts, our patrol would often do cross-country hiking, where there were no trails or markers. Sometimes I was afraid, out in some gloomy woods where I had never been before, wondering if my patrol leader knew what he was doing, wondering if we were in fact lost. But with calm assurance our leader would open his map, take out his compass, point the way, and ultimately, we would emerge back into civilization.

Isn't God much like that patrol leader? Can we ever be lost from Him? Sometimes we move away from God and wonder if God has let us get lost. Even Christ, as He suffered on the cross, had momentary doubts as He cried, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" The verses from Psalm 139 quoted above assure us that God never forsakes us or lets us get lost and that He always knows where we are, even when the events and trials of life loom large and foreboding. And He has furnished us with a compass to help guide us through life, namely, His sacred word, the Holy Bible.

I know that most of you are familiar with the 23rd Psalm as a source of comfort in times of trial. And so it is. But let me also commend to your reading Psalm 16 which conveys much the same comfort when we feel lost in the midst of life, wondering if God can find us. And Sir Knights, rest assured that no matter what, through faith we are persuaded that God will always find us and guide us safely through the storm.

In His Name,
George Marshall, Jr., PGC, KCT, KGT
Grand Prelate

VACATION TRAVEL PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, we entrust ourselves to you as we begin our journey. Keep us safe, and give us the grace to be generous to one another and to be courteous and kind to everyone we meet along the way. Help us to recognize when we are getting on each other's nerves, to know when reconciliation is necessary, and to watch out for each other's needs as we travel. Be with us, Lord, guide us and protect us on our way, so that we might reach our destination in safety and happily return home. Amen.

-- Author Unknown
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