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Greetings Sir Knights,

Spring is nearly here, even if it does not quite feel like it yet. Each Spring marks the arrival of the closing date for our Grand Commandery Educational Foundation's Academic Scholarship grant applications, which are due by **March 15**, with transcripts required by April 4, 2020.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation is dedicated to providing financial support for those who seek to better themselves through further education. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to promising students who meet the required qualifications. Each year the Foundation distributes up to $20,000 in the form of Scholarship grants for students. The Committee meets during the Annual Conclave to process, review and select recipients. Each recipient will be presented with a scholarship grant of $1,000 to help continue their education.

Scholarships are open to all students regardless of their financial circumstances, and no Masonic or religious affiliation is required. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must simply be a US citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania who is enrolled or accepted into one of the following:

1. A vocational school, which trains artisans and craftsman.

2. A technical school, which prepares technicians for various specializations.

3. A professional school, which offers preparation, in medicine, law, theology, engineering, business, agriculture and others.

4. Colleges and university, which give a firm foundation for business, trade or a profession.

The application process runs from mid-January to March 15 of each year. Applications are made online at the Grand Commandery website (pagrandcommandery.org) by clicking on the "Scholarship Application" link on the upper right side of the main page (if the link is gone, the applications are closed). Note that no paper applications will be accepted, they must be completed online at our website.

Do you know a student, of any age, who could benefit from this? If so, direct them to our website as soon as possible. There are also more than 60 scholarships of various types listed in the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide available through the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation. Help someone expand their education with these programs!

Yours in His Service,
SK Richard F. Muth
Grand Commander

Some Upcoming Events:

March 21 – SW Section reception, Houston, PA
March 28 – Central Section Reception, Bedford, PA
April 11 – Wreath Laying, Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA
April 12 – 90th Annual GE KT Easter Sunrise Service, Alexandria, VA
May 15-17 – 167th Annual Conclave, Cranberry, PA

A Letter from the Grand Prelate:

Read the Gospel of Mark

Sir Knights:

As March arrives we are in the midst of the Lenten season when many of us will be studying the life and teachings of Jesus. We will hear again of his travels throughout the various regions of the Holy Land. We will witness his encounters with those whom he met along the way, both those who greeted him as the Messiah, the anointed one, and those who opposed his teachings.

In a similar vein, we know that the message of Jesus is met today with a variety of responses. Like the parable of the sower of the seeds, some falls among thorns of resistance, some lands among the well-travelled pathways where many accept his teachings but are distracted by the concerns of day-to-day life, but some will fall on good soil where it will sink deep roots and produce a bounteous crop of faith.

I pray that during your journey to Easter you each will take time to ponder our Savior's great sacrifice of being born a human among us, of spending time as one of us, and finally, of being willing to accept a brutal death on a cross as a result of the rejection of those he came to save.

May you be blest by this time of reflection.

Courteously,
SK & Rev. David A. Eichelberger, PDC, KCT, IKT
Grand Prelate