



**NEW JERSEY
SUPPLEMENT**

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My Fraters,

on the 20th of August, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. This was a man who deserves further investigation, more than I have space for here.

Suffice it to say, the original Templars went to a trusted friend, to receive the Papal Bull that made their order sanctioned by the Pope. St. Bernard wrote the original rules and regulations for the Poor Knights of the Temple of Solomon. It was his intent to set up the order as a Cistercian Duality. In that, they would be the fiercest warriors on the battlefield but live very much like Cistercian monks when they were in Quarters.

So, on the 20th, say a prayer of thanksgiving to our benefactor, Saint Bernard.

The 68th Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, will be held this month in Minneapolis, Mn. Most of the Grand Staff will be attending this session. There is much “house keeping” legislation we will address as at any triennial but there are some innovations that will also arise.

First and foremost of these new regulations will be the addition of a statement of attestation of faith to the petition of anyone who wants to become a member. The petitioner must swear to be a Christian as defined by the four Gospels and that Jesus Christ is his Lord and Savior.

This being a Christian only Order, I see no problem with this for any of us, or those who wish to join us.

Secondly, is legislation to adopt a new apron; more likely to be accepted by most Grand Lodges. This apron would be white in color, triangular, and trimmed as those of the past; SK- silver, Commander/Past Commander- gold. The flap will have crossed swords. The body shall contain the “Cross and Crown” symbol. This will allow us to wear a KT apron when in uniform in blue lodge.

‘Put on the whole armor of God’

Take the helmet of salvation-Ephes.6:17

All combatants involved in close quarter, hand to hand combat need something to protect their head. Bronze, steel and leather were the choice of the day when St. Paul wrote those words. The better the protection, the better your odds were of survival.

Jesus Christ the Righteous is our protection that Paul makes reference to with the helmet. This means that salvation is our protection, our deliverance from evil. No matter what the evil may be spiritual, emotional or physical, our survival must come from on high; for we cannot save ourselves.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS !

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I will see you at the OV’s that start in September.