



Tennessee Knight Templar News

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee – Billy Barnett Young, Grand Commander



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Sir Knights:

On behalf of your Grand Commandery officers we wish you a Merry Christmas and toast your good health. I would like to take the opportunity to extend to all of you my best wishes for you and your families throughout this Christmas season. It has been a challenging year and we have lost many friends among our number. As you enjoy this holiday season, I would ask that when you look at the greenery that is found ornamenting our world that you remember the critical lessons the evergreen and what it teaches us.

We have lost two of our Past Grand Commanders this year, as well as many dear friends and leaders of our fraternity and though we feel their absence we are reminded by the evergreen of what is to come. We are also taught as Masons that there is a promise shown by revelation, as taught in the Master Mason's Degree, of immortality. In our ritual as Knights Templar, we are told the story of the greatest gift ever given to humanity for those choosing to accept it. The atoning grace of our once crucified but risen and exalted savior, Jesus the Christ.

It is my fervent desire that each Sir Knight celebrate this Christmas in their respective houses of worship. Remember to give alms to those who are needy and protect the widow and the orphan.

Take care of one another and be there for your fellow Sir Knights, and Brother Masons.

Yours in Knightly Service,

Billy Barnett Young

Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Tennessee

Kingsport No. 33 conducts Knighting

On Saturday, November 13, Kingsport Commandery No. 33 conferred the Orders of Christian Knighthood on several candidates, these knights having received the Chapter and Council Degrees the previous week. Present were a number of Grand Officers including the Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo. Also present were representatives from the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Chevalier Commandery participated by bringing a candidate as well. In all twelve were knighted. We congratulate the Knights of Kingsport 33 and the newly-made Knights!



Grand Encampment Notes - MEMBERSHIP

As we have heard, Membership is Priority 1, 2, and 3 with Grand Encampment. Each Grand Commandery is required to have a Membership Committee, and each Constituent Commandery is required to have one that reports to the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel is a great way to recognize the Knights who have worked hard to promote membership by securing new Knights for our Order. This jewel should be awarded to any Knight who has been the top-line signer of ten petitioners for the Orders. This total is cumulative from September 1, 1991 and includes restorations as well as new Knights. For those Knights who sign above ten there are bronze, silver, and gold Oak Leaf Clusters at various intervals. For information on awarding this jewel, contact the Grand Recorder's Office.



In Memoriam:

Clarence Randall Carrier
 Past Grand Commander 1995
 Carter No. 37

Born November 22, 1950 Called August 12, 2021

Charles Livingston Welch
 Past Grand Commander 1996
 Jackson No. 13

Born January 28, 1927 Called November 5, 2021

"They have passed through the sunset of this life, into the dawning of a new and finer existence..."

Prelate's Station

Today begins the Season of Advent; it is a special time for my family and I hope for you in your own homes and in your own hearts. Part of the process of Advent is preparing our hearts, recognizing that we are waiting. For the Church it is a great time of Holy Anticipation, seeing the fulfillment of the Prophet Isaiah. During the Season of Advent, we celebrate that Christ has come but the truth is we are still waiting for Christ to come again and with that return comes all of His promises - all that he has promised to fulfill not just in our hearts by redeeming us, but also in completing His Kingdom.

This Advent let us turn our attention to what Christ is doing in redeeming mankind. What does Advent mean to us individually, how has Christ met your hopes and expectations, how are His promises manifested in your lives? Fix your eyes on God Himself, we can never understand who we are until we understand who God is, because in that revelation of God through the Christ Child and King we understand who we really are.

Isiah 9:6 - "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

*Come thou long expected Jesus,
 Born to set Thy people free
 from our fears and sins release us.
 Let us find our rest in Thee.*

*Israels strength and consolation
 hope of all the earth Thou art
 Dear desire of every nation
 Joy of every longing heart.*

*Leaving riches without number
 born within a cattle stall
 this, the everlasting wonder:
 Christ was born the Lord of all.*

May God richly bless your homes and manifest His love, mercy and grace in wonderful and unexpected ways this Christmas Season! He came as a Child in a Manger, He is returning as the Righteous King of all Nations.

I love each and every one of you, and there is not a thing you can do to change that.

In Christ's Love,
 Terry Plemons
 Grand Prelate