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My response was, "Because pride causes an excessive belief in one's own abilities and interferes with a person's recognition of God. Therefore, humility is necessary." Whether mine was the right answer or not, is not the point. That particular question changed the way I have viewed things since that day and has helped me to wear a smile on my face many more days than not. It seemed to be a very profound finding for me at the time and continues to be.

It is my sincere hope that you'll consider enrolling in the course, based on the example I gave here for your consideration. I work in no capacity for the York Rite Sovereign College and only wanted to share this because of the value I found in their program. These education programs were clearly written by some very wise men and designed to help us find that thing we came to the door of freemasonry to find. If you choose to enroll in the course, you can find the form in pdf format at:

<https://www.yrscna.org/forms/YorkRiteenrollmentform.pdf>

In Christian Faith and Brotherhood,
David S. Ponder
Grand Junior Warden

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What is the York Rite College? It is an honorary body of the York Rite. Membership is limited to Knights Templar in good standing and is by invitation. The purpose is to aid York Rite Bodies and all of Freemasonry.

In recent years, Arkansas York Rite College Number 142 has sponsored the exemplification of the full-form Super Excellent Master Degree, the conferral of the Royal Arch Chapter degrees and the Christian Orders in various festivals, including on the stage of the Albert Pike Temple in Little Rock. Arkansas College also provided small study bibles for any student desiring one after the Jonesboro school shooting. The College has also sponsored the Grand Lodge book sales for many years. More information about Arkansas College and the York Rite College of North America can be found by visiting these web sites:

AR College No. 142: <http://www.aryorkrite.org/yr142/>

York Rite College of N. America: <http://www.yrscna.org/>

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Greetings, Sir Knights:



Sir Knights: This month's rotating article is from our Grand Jr. Warden, ESK David Ponder. *Editor.*

Greetings, Sir Knights:

I hope this writing finds you in good health and spirits. I wanted to take this opportunity to speak of an education program that is available to Knights Templar and share with you something I learned while going through the program.

The York Rite Sovereign College offers a "Companion Adept of the Temple Program". The program is offered to any Knight Templar by enrollment through the Sovereign College office for a fee of **only \$30**. There are several books you'll need for the course, but the college's enrollment form points you to a free online version of the books. I have been fortunate enough to find the actual paperback books because I prefer them over the online books and I like to write in my books. The paperbacks end up totaling approximately \$185 for a complete set, if you're inclined to do the same.

The entire course consists of five exams and are a combination of multiple choice and short essay questions. The course is not terribly difficult, but is designed to make you consider the reasons why we do some of the things we do. For instance, one of the questions reads;

"On admission of the candidate into the Chapter room, the first words spoken are from a scripture reading from St. Luke, wherein the Divine Master said; "he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." This is an obvious admonition toward humility. Why is humility an essential virtue to those who are engaged in the search after truth?"

Now I'll reveal how intelligent I really am not 😊. It took me several weeks to even begin to formulate some sort of response to this question. First, I had to make sure I truly understood what humility meant, so I really studied the word and its antonym (pride). Seems simple, right? Not so much, really. Why is humility necessary in the search after truth?

Week after week went by before something started to even come into view. It seemed like it took me forever just to answer such a simple question. I'll share with you my answer and ask that you consider the question yourself, even if you decide not to enroll in the course.

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