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I Have the Honor of Introducing ... !

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

The article this month is from Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample our Grand Senior Warden and a member of the Hospitaler Committee. So sit back and enjoy the article from Kevin.

Christianity - Templary - In Christ's Footsteps!

Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, Grand Commander

INTRODUCTIONS OF SIR KNIGHTS

Sir Knight – yes, that is you – that is your title! Many of us tend to get vapor locked when it comes to introducing others and even ourselves in a meeting. The following should provide guidance and an explanation of how to do it.

The definition of a **title** in our case is a word used before someone's name to indicate one's status. The title of all Knights Templar is **Sir Knight** and is always used in front of the person's name or office.

Office refers to the highest Templar office one holds or has held in a Commandery, in a Grand Commandery, or in the Grand Encampment (e.g., Warden, Commander, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commander, South-Central Department Commander, etc.).

Honorary titles are used to indicate one's Templar **rank** and are tied to a Templar **office** (e.g., **Eminent** 'Commander' and 'Past Commander'; **Very Eminent** 'Deputy Grand Commander' only; **Right Eminent** 'Grand Commander,' 'Past Grand Commander,' and all Grand Encampment Officers except the Grand Master; and **Most Eminent** 'Grand Master' and 'Past Grand Master' of the Grand Encampment). Always use the highest-ranking honorary title first, then add the lesser-ranking honorary title (see * below for example).

When introducing yourself to others, do not use **honorary titles**. You would say, "I am **Sir Knight** 'your full name', 'office', and 'organization'" (e.g., Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Warden of Standard Commandery No. 1, or Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Commander of Standard Commandery No. 1, or Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, or Sir Knight John Henry Doe, South-Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

of the United States of America, etc.). If you are no longer in office, you would put '**Past**' in front of the highest Templar **office** you ever held.

When introducing or referring to others, use the same format as above with the addition of the **honorary title** in front of the **office** (e.g., Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Eminent Commander of Standard Commandery No. 1, or Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, or Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, or Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Right Eminent South-Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, etc.). If they are no longer in office, you would put '**Past**' in front of the highest Templar **office** they ever held (* e.g., Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri).

The order of introduction is also important. When more than one Commandery or Grand Commandery is represented, Commanderies should be introduced in inverse Charter date order (most recent to oldest). Introduce Commandery Officers in inverse order of rank, highest ranking individual last. Start at the bottom of the officer list going up, then the Past Commanders (junior to senior), then the Commander. If Grand Commandery officers are present and are being introduced, they should be introduced after the Commandery officers. Introduce Grand Officers in inverse order of rank, highest ranking individual last. Start at the bottom of the Grand Officer list going up, then the Past Grand Commanders (junior to senior), then the Grand Commander.

When introducing Sir Knights at a Commandery or Grand Commandery event who also hold important offices in other Masonic organizations, they are always introduced using their highest Templar office first, after which selected offices in other Masonic organizations may be mentioned (e.g., Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Eminent Past Commander of Standard Commandery No. 1 and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, or Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Captain General of Standard Commandery Number 1, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri). If they have no Templar office, then you leave that part out (e.g., Sir Knight John Henry Doe, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri).

When introducing Wives and Lady friends, they are always introduced as Lady (e.g., Lady Barbara or Lady Barbara Doe, wife of Sir Knight John Henry Doe, or My Lady Barbara).

TEMPLAR PROTOCOL IS ESSENTIAL to treat each Sir Knight and visitor with the respect and dignity due their office, maintain uniformity and order, and maintain our beautiful heritage. **DO THE RIGHT THINGS! AND DO THINGS RIGHT!**

Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, Grand Senior Warden