

NEVADA SUPPLEMENT

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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

The following article was submitted by SK Mike Fuhlendorf, KTCH, GSW and I wish to thank him for his time and energy. In his article he mentions the Templar apron. For those who attended the virtual SW York Rite Conference, you learned that Grand Encampment is investigating, reviewing and considering adopting the use of an apron. Will it be Skull & Crossbones? We will see. Enjoy the article.

I hope you enjoy your monthly *Knight Templar* magazine. There is always something that is informative or relevant for me. In the July issue, I particularly enjoyed the article titled "The Lost Memento Mori of the Knights Templar." It is about the old templar apron with the skull and crossed bones, which has always been of interest to me.

I would like to see it come back, and I have several good reasons why. I need to get this out of the way right away: It's really kind of bad-ass, but that is not one of my good reasons. I struggle to see what the connection is between modern society and bunch of guys waving swords around and wearing feathered chapeaus. There is an article in the November issue titled, "Modern Day Chivalry" that helps make the connection. I believe the old apron completes the connection.

The skull and crossed bones apron are a Memento Mori: it means Remember that you must die. However, it's not our deaths that the skull and bones call us to focus on; rather, they call on us to focus on our lives. That is the connection. Our time here is limited. Whatever we might acquire, money, status, power, will all be gone in the end. What will be left will be the record of how we used our time. We are told that the three principle rounds of Jacob's ladder are denominated Faith, Hope, and Charity, with charity being the greatest. We are told that at our life's end the record of our lives should be as pure and spotless as the lambskin apron that was presented to us, and we are told that we should do unto our neighbor as we would that he should do unto us. We should leave the world a better place than when we came into it. I attended another Masonic funeral this week. Life is short. Perhaps we need to start wearing that reminder again. The author of the article states that interest is growing in bringing the apron back. Perhaps that will happen at the next Triennial.

As Grand Senior Warden this is a good place to remind you of the Knights Templar Eye Fund. With so many Commanderies not meeting, perhaps the easiest way to donate will be to send a check directly to the Eye Fund. Just remember to write your commandery name and number on the check so it will get credit.

May the peace of the Lord be with you,
SK Michael Fuhlendorf, KTCH

Thank you for your service to Templary.

In the name of our Blessed Emmanuel, may Peace be with You.

Courteously,
SK Kevin McCans, KTCH
Grand Commander

Reminder: Resolutions for Sessions must be received by March 1, 2021.