

## OKLAHOMA SUPPLEMENT

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights,

One of the charities of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Did you know somewhere in the world, someone goes blind every five seconds? Eighty percent (80%) of our learning occurs through vision and sixty percent (60%) of blindness is preventable. The mission statement of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is "to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care".

#### Source of Funds

Funds for the operation of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are obtained from an annual assessment of each Knight Templar, contributions made by Masons from throughout the Masonic Family, fund-raising activities, memorials, wills and bequests, and donations from endowment funds. The foundation offers several special award programs for contributions as follows:

- **Life Sponsor** - Available to Sir Knights (members of a Commandery) who donate \$30.00.
- **Associate Patron** - Available to any person or organization that donates \$50.00.
- **Patron** - Available to any person or organization that donates \$100.00.

\*Payments for Life Sponsor, Patron, and/or Associate Patron will exempt your Grand Commandery from further assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

**The Grand Master's Club** – One-thousand dollars enrolls you as a concerned individual in the humanitarian work of the Foundation. The Grand Master's Club is available to all individuals, whether Templars or others, but not to organizations. Your membership in the Grand Master's Club entitles you to a lapel pin, an engraved wall plaque and the Crusaders Cross issued for the first 5 Grand Master Clubs.

- **The Grand Commander's Club** - You can enroll in the Grand Commander's Club by sending in your first installment of \$100.00 or more. At the time of your enrollment, you will receive a lapel pin and wallet card (signifying your membership). In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100.00 or more for nine more years until the total of \$1,000.00 is reached. Once contributions total \$1,000.00, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club.

\*\*The Grand Master's Club and Grand Commander's Club are available to all individual Templars or others, but not to organizations.

Please note that membership in the Grand Master's Club or the Grand Commander's Club does not exempt the Sir Knight from the annual assessment from the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

To become a Life Sponsor, please supply the following information:

- Full Name (printed)
- Address
- Name, Number, and State of the Commandery where you are a member (your Commandery gets credit for each Life Sponsor purchased)
- Statement that you would like to purchase a Life Sponsor and a \$30.00 check to:

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.  
1033 Long Prairie Road, Suite 5  
Flower Mound, TX 75022

If you would like to learn more about the Foundation, please go to <https://www.ktef.org/>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your local Commandery Recorder or any Grand Commandery Officer for further information.

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr. VEDGC