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Sir Knights,

I am pleased to report that Masonic Unity is on the rise in Arizona.

The Grand Commandery of Arizona just completed TWO arches of steel for the Grand Lodge of Arizona at the recent Annual Communication. We were honored to provide the arch not only for the outgoing Grand Master Randy Jager, but the incoming Grand Master Jim Baker as well. Your own Grand Commander, Chadwick Burks, was also honored to speak in the open session as the official representative of the appendant and concordant Masonic bodies of Arizona. There was also a history-making event one of our own Sir Knights was involved in, but I will leave that to a feature story in Knight Templar Magazine.

The future looks bright for continued cooperation and cross promotion of the York Rite and the Grand Lodge. Please do your part wherever and whenever you can, Sir Knights, to assist the Blue Lodge in any and every way possible.

God Bless,

Chadwick Burks
Grand Commander





Order of the Temple, Calvary Commandery #8, May 14, 2022. New Sir Knights, (in front from left to right) Christian Evans and Gary Price. Back row from left to right: James Atha, Peter Johnson PGC, Dean Powell, Clay Howard, Richard Young, Kenn Evans, Don Anderson, Guy Williams, Santiago Limon, Jason DiCamillo, Frank Edens PGC.

The Sir Knights of Calvary Commandery #8 convened on May 14, 2022, at Chalcedony Lodge #6 in Holbrook to confer the Order of the Temple on two candidates. At 1307 the Acting Commander, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Sir Knight Frank Edens, directed the Junior Warden to place the candidates, one at a time, into the Chamber of Reflection and superintend them until called for in the Asylum. After completing their time in the Chamber, the two companions were escorted through the usual seven years of preparation, and at 1530, Christian Mikul Evans and Gary Wayne Price were knighted as Calvary Commandery's newest Sir Knights.

This knighting was important to Calvary Commandery for at least two significant reasons. To begin with, it is the first time in recent memory that all the parts in the order were filled by Sir Knights who are members of Calvary Commandery, without any outside help. Second, it is the completion by the Winslow York Bodies of all the regular degrees and orders of the York Rite since September 2021, a period of eight months. During that same time, members of Calvary Commandery and the other Winslow York Rite bodies participated in degree work in two interstate festivals and assisted in multiple single degrees and orders with other bodies throughout the state. It is also noteworthy that while some of the candidates took one or more of their degrees and orders in group festivals, they returned to Winslow, Holbrook, and Show to fill parts in the same degrees within a month of having received the degrees themselves.

Our congratulations to the two newest Sir Knights, Christian and Gary, and also to all of the new members of the Winslow York Rite.

See you in Mesa at Grand Sessions, August 10 – 13, 2022!