



Tennessee Knight Templar News

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee – Billy Barnett Young, Grand Commander



NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at the Grand Lodge Building and will open at 8:00 am CST.

Attire is Uniform minus Sword.

The full schedule of events is available on the Grand York Rite website.

Sid C. Dorris Award Luncheon to be Tuesday, Tickets Still Available

Tickets for the rollout banquet for the Sid Dorris Award are still available! The Grand Commander would like to see a full crowd for this event, and several Officers from the Grand Encampment will be present to formally introduce the award.

SK Sid Dorris PGC/PGM had the vision to create an endowment that would fund the Grand Encampment, providing a steady source of revenue that would minimize or even eliminate the need to rely solely on revenue from dues. Grand Master Michael Johnson has stated that it is his intention to formally introduce the award at our Conclave in March. SK Dorris was in line to be Grand Master at the time of his death, and to introduce this in Tennessee is a fitting tribute to him.



Any Knight desiring to do so may make a contribution to this and receive his medal at the banquet. Also contributions are welcome from Commanderies or other groups of Knights. Amount required to receive the medal is \$1,000.00. Medals will be available at the banquet.

The banquet will be held at the Grand Lodge Building at lunch, during the time slot that is normally reserved for the KYCH Dinner. This is open to everyone, so please bring your wives. Also please announce this at your Lodges and other Masonic bodies. Contributions are currently being accepted through the Grand York Rite Office. We look forward to seeing you at this historic event!

Fraternally,
John Palmer, PGM
Robert Beam, EGG
John Simmons II, EGCG
Tennessee Sid Dorris Award Committee

Broadcast on *Chivalry and Masonry* to be in early March

Mark your calendar! SK Brian Song has prepared an educational program on the topic of “Chivalry” as it relates to Masonry, particularly the Commandery Orders. SK Song has researched the topic of Chivalry in its various forms, including Samurai, medieval knights, and even cowboys of the Old West.

This presentation will be given on Wednesday, March 2, and will be available through a Zoom link. This presentation is part of the Long-Range Planning Committee’s efforts to increase educational opportunities for the Knights of Tennessee. This promises to be an interesting and informative program and there are plans to have more of these in the future.

The Zoom link will be sent out sometime this month; you may access Zoom from any laptop and most phones or similar devices.

For more information on this or other activities of the Long-Range Planning Committee, contact the Grand Recorder’s Officer or one of the Grand Officers.

Proposals for consideration at Grand Commandery

There following two proposals are set to come before the Knights at our upcoming Conclave:

1. Authorization of a Templar Apron, permissible to be worn in tiled Masonic meetings with approval of Grand Master and presiding officer of the Body. These would be of two styles, traditional and contemporary.

The Traditional style would be permitted in a private Templar setting, e.g., and Asylum. The Contemporary style and, pending approval from the Grand Master, would be permitted in both private and public settings, such as when a contingent of Knights were called upon to present Colors at a Masonic function.

Traditional Templar Apron:



Contemporary Templar Apron:



The proposal also includes language relating to aprons worn by Grand Encampment Officers; it is modeled after that enacted at the recent Triennial Conclave this year.

2. A housekeeping proposal to renumber sections of the Grand Commandery bylaws so that they are in sequential order, as well as add clarifying language and titles to each section. The only substantive change would be to delete reference to members' dues cards being printed by the Grand Recorder, as dues cards are now printed by Grand Encampment rather than the Grand Recorder.

Past Grand Commanders support Holy Land Pilgrimage by wearing Big Orange!

An advertising campaign several years ago asked the question, "what would you do?" for their particular product. Two of our Past Grand Commanders said what they will do to support the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund. SK Burks Taylor PGC and SK Terry Plemons PGC/REGP publicly said that if the Knights of Tennessee could raise \$10,000 for the HLP Endowment Fund, that they would wear UT Volunteer Orange overalls and sing "Rocky Top" at the Grand Lodge Communication.

The Knights of Tennessee rose to the challenge and have raised over \$25,000! Contributions are still being accepted for this, and the latest total in the fund is in excess of \$80,000. This endowment fund was created to ensure that our Grand Commandery has enough money each year to support sending ministers to the Holy Land. This worthy cause is our way of exemplifying that we are indeed Christian Knights and over the years has allowed a number of ministers to "walk where Jesus walked" and enhance their ministry. The Pilgrimage is a learning experience that takes ministers to the places discussed in Scripture, enabling ministers to gain a context for their ministry as it relates to understanding the events portrayed in the Bible.

To support the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, contact the Grand Recorder's Office, or visit the Grand Encampment website:

[Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage - An investment in Christian Ministry \(kthlp.com\)](http://kthlp.com)

If your Commandery wishes to sponsor a minister, forms are available from the Grand Recorder. Please consider contributing as you are able, and consider submitting the name of a worthy minister to engage in this opportunity.