



# Tennessee Knight Templar News

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee – John Calvin Spencer, Grand Commander



## Grand Commander to Issue Mission and Vision Statements for Grand Commandery

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander and other Dias Officers are developing a Mission Statement and Vision Statement for the Grand Commandery of Tennessee. These statements will outline what we identify to be the intent and purpose of our Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commanderies, as well as a definition of who we are as Knights Templar.

These statements will be sent to each Commandery for distribution to the Knights of Tennessee. It is the hope of the Grand Officers that these will be “living documents” that the Knights will incorporate into their activities and that they will guide and direct us in Templary. By issuing these statements, we hope to provide a better understanding of our identity and purpose, and encourage our Knights and Commanderies to grow.

## Tennessee Knights on the Move

Each year the Grand Encampment hosts a Sunrise Easter Service in Washington, D.C., which is open to all Knights. A group of Knights from Tennessee was able to attend this year and were inspired by the experience of participating. Pictured (*fig. 1*) are (l-r) SKs Sammy Dennison, Chuck Thames REPGC, Robert Waldron RE Department Commander and MWGM of Tennessee, John Palmer EGCG and PGM, Terry Plemons RE Grand Prelate, and Tim Sutton PC.



Figure 1, TN Knights in DC



Figure 2, TN Knights

In addition to the Easter Service in DC, several Knights from Tennessee participated in an Ascension Service at Charles Martel Commandery in Chickamauga, Georgia. The Knights gathered in formation and proceeded to the church nearby, where the message was brought by RE Grand Prelate Terry Plemons. Shown are (*fig.2*) SKs Robert Beam VEDGC with Kevin Boles PC and Lucas McAfee of Tennessee. Also shown (*fig. 3 and fig. 4*) are the Knights assembled entering the church and during the service, as well as SKs Beam, Boles, and McAfee with REPGC Carl Gamel and EGG Tyler Pledger of the Grand Commandery of Georgia (*fig. 5*).



Figure 3, Knights in formation entering Chapel



Figure 4, Ascension Service led by REGP Plemons



Figure 5, GA and TN Knights