



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR LOUISIANA



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

To: The Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of Knights Templar of Louisiana

I would like to thank all the sir Knights who came out to our First Quarterly Meeting in Alexandria. The next Quarterly meeting will be July 30th in Alexandria, please contact me if you need any information about the meeting. I would like to thank all that have traveled with me or represented the state of Louisiana this month in Texas, Indiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

I would like to thank all the Commanderies that have celebrated the Easter observance and sent me pictures. Keep up the good work Sir Knights and continue to send Gar Pickering gar@la-mason.com and me the information and Pictures.

We need to continue to work on:

1. Membership
2. MMS Roster – emails, phone numbers, and address
3. Building an excel spreadsheet that has a list of all Knight Templars listed with contact information
4. 100% eye foundation \$3300 dollars to go 200% \$31,560 to reach these goals
5. Holy Land Pilgrimage medal
6. Educational Programs every month
7. Festivals

Sir Knight Brad Williams has been going through the records and finding Brothers who have slipped through the cracks over the last few years. He found that over 950 brothers for one reason or another have gotten out of York Rite Masonry over the last 10 years. That is more masons than we have in our Grand Commandery today. We need to contact them and see if there is something we can do to get them back.

While MMS does provide for labels for envelopes to our members, it does not provide for a simple way to send emails to all our members. Please send your Commandery, Chapter, Council, or me your updated contact information. Name, address, phone number, email. Please contact everyone that is a York Rite

Mason that you know and have him also do the same. I am finding out that we need to also update our Blue Lodge contact information. This information will help us build an excel spreadsheet so we can quickly and inexpensively communicate via email.

My goal this year is to have Louisiana at 200% for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation we need roughly \$3300 to reach 100% and \$31,560 to reach the 200%. We have started some new ways of achieving this goal. Sir Knight Joe Dan Gibbs jdgibbs54@yahoo.com is selling shirts, hats, and mugs. Sir Knight Scotty Adams S2HScotty@gmail.com , Sir Knight Wilson Cook wilsoncook@icloud.com, and the Monroe Scottish Rite Valley are selling name badges, a portion of which will be sent to us for our KTEF charity. I will also be asking for donations from anyone who needs to have a charitable tax donation to consider helping us reach our goal.

PGC Keith Gates established the Holy Land Pilgrimage medal endowment fund. I would like to promote that fund so that we can build our foundation that helps send a pastor to the Holy Land every year. We have established a method of small payments with Sir Knight Scotty Adams S2HScotty@gmail.com , Sir Knight Wilson Cook wilsoncook@icloud.com, and the Monroe Scottish Rite Valley to make monthly credit card payments until you reach \$1,000. We also have other ways that we have established to achieve the medal. With monthly payments. if interested please contact the Grand Recorder or your Local Recorder. I would like to see at least 10% of all Sir Knights wearing this medal at Grand Conclave next year.

I will be sending something educational out every month. Please send me anything you think that will be good to share with the brothers

Festivals: we have one coming up in Houma on May 28th, Shreveport August 27th, I am hoping to have one in Alexandria at the end of the year for a state wide cleanup

South Central will be held in Sam's Town, Shreveport, la. September 16-18, 2022. As soon as the meals get approved, we will have the information on the web site. We need to attend and represent Louisiana with the most Sir Knights.

If you are a Facebook member or you have friends that are please have them like our page. We are now at 1800. I would like to reach 5000 this year. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lagrandyorkritebodies/>

I am sending this out to each Knight Templar in the State of Louisiana. I hope to encourage you to attend your next Commandery meeting.

**Please let me know if I can assist you in any way.
985-860-9308.**

Always remember to put on the Armor of God, (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Onward Christian Soldiers
Charles Bertrand, REGC, Grand Commandery, Louisiana
"Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life"



**CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY
IN YORK RITE MASONRY
AND FIND THE TRUE WORD**





