



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

We have a new Commandery opening in Houma, LA. Disciples Commandry #31. Any Knight Templar who would like to affiliate please contact Freddie Touchet PC
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I would like to thank all the Sir Knights for helping to achieve the goals that the Grand Commandery is trying to achieve. I know that some of you are and have been saying that I am repeating the same things every month in my newsletter.

I hope that lets you understand that I feel these things are very important.

We need to continue to work on:

1. Membership – Recruit, Restore, Retain
2. MMS Roster – Communication for Retention (emails, phone numbers, and addresses)
3. Building an excel spreadsheet that has a list of all Knight Templars listed with contact information - next is a list of all those who were Sir Knights we might Restore
4. 100% Knight Templar Eye Foundation \$3300 dollars to go 200% \$31,560 participation goals
5. Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund to underwrite annual ordained minister pilgrimages so any commandery may be successful with their nomination
6. Educational Programs every month – Again, Retention
7. Festivals – Fun and Recruitment

PGC Keith Gates established the Holy land Pilgrimage medal endowment fund as an integral part of our completely new Constitution approved in 2019. We need to promote that endowment fund so that we can build our foundation that helps send an ordained minister to the holy land every year. We have established a method to make small recurring credit card payments with Sir Knight Scotty Adams S2HScotty@gmail.com , Sir Knight Wilson Cook wilsoncook@icloud.com, and the Monroe Valley to make monthly credit card payments until you reach \$1,000. We also have other ways that a Sir Knight can achieve the medal with monthly payments. If interested please contact the Grand Recorder or your Local Recorder. Our goal is for at least 10% of all Sir Knights wearing this medal at the Grand Conclave next year.

Disciples Commandry #31, Houma, LA. will have a two-day Festival on November 12th and 19th. The Chapter and Council Degrees on November 12th with the Commandery orders on November 19th. Unity Lodge 1029 Bayou Black Dr., Houma, LA. – Freddie Touchet PC freddietouchet@gmail.com

If you are a Facebook member or you have friends that are, please have them like our page. We are now at 1986. I would like to reach 5000 this year. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lagrandyorkritebodies/>

Christmas Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies

Lady Sharon and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas Season. Christmas Season means a lot to all Christian Knights. As Knight Templars we pledge to defend the Christian Religion. Let us not let down our guard in this troublesome world that we live in. Be steadfast in the Faith

Here is a message from The book of Isaiah 28 16-18: ¹⁶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.¹⁷ Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.¹⁸ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

Jesus came and laid the foundation for his church.

Christmas is time of giving. Please do not forget to give to the less fortunate. This is a good time to give to our charity, the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Another

gift is that of donating to the Holy Land Pilgrimage where a deserving minister gets to go and see where Jesus walked and lived. I have personally heard several of our ministers from Louisiana relate how moving it was to have been to the Holy Land.

Christmas is a time of giving. Be generous with your time. Treat a brother to a cup of coffee and spend some time with them. Look after your brothers and sisters in our lodges and chapters. Perhaps there is a need for some help with the dues. A small gift basket or gift card to the local grocery goes a long way to cheer some elderly widow up a little. The best gifts are not wrapped up in pretty boxes and bows but are wrapped in friendship, fellowship, and fraternal feelings for one another.

This is the time of Christmas Observances and Lady Sharon and I are delighted to attend as many of these as possible. Please extend an invitation to your lodges, chapters, and youth groups to join you in your celebrations as Sir Knights.

God Bless you and may you all have a very Merry
Christmas.

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

Onward Christian Soldiers
Charles Bertrand
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
Of the State of Louisiana

“Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life”









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. My phone # is 985-860-9308.

