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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SENTINEL

Greetings Sir Knights:

I would like to talk to you about MMS. What is MMS you may ask? Well MMS stands for Masonic Membership Solutions it's the Grand Encampments online membership and record keeper similar to the Blue Lodges Grand View system. Its important that the information on this database is accurate and correct. If you have not been receiving your Knight Templar Magazine or you would like to only receive it online you can do that in MMS lets, go over how to do that.

First: how to get there.

There are two ways to get to the MMS database first is through the Grand Encampment website: <http://www.knightstemplar.org/> then click on MMS. Second way to get to MMS is directly at <https://www.masonic-web.com/mms/memberbio/default.aspx> both of these options will bring you to the MMS system personal identification screen, which will allow you to gain access to your individual information.

Masonic Membership Solutions

Personal Identification Verification - Required for Secure Entrance

First Name: Membership#:

Last Name:

Birth Date: mm/dd/yyyy

All fields are required.
Membership# is obtained from your dues card.

Grand The Membership # is obtained for the right-hand edge of your Knight Templar dues card.

From there you will see all your information and can change it if need be.

SK Justin McGee
Eminent Grand Sentinel



MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND PRELATE

“And we went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed.” Mathew 26:39

There are several instructive features in our Saviour's prayer in his hour of trial. It was lonely prayer. He withdrew even from his three favoured disciples. Believer, be much in solitary prayer, especially in times of trial. Family prayer, social prayer, prayer in the Church, will not suffice, these are very precious, but the best beaten spice will smoke in your censer in your private devotions, where no ear hears but God's.

It was humble prayer. Luke says he knelt, but another evangelist says he "fell on his face." Where, then, must be THY place, thou humble servant of the great Master? What dust and ashes should cover thy head! Humility gives us good foot-hold in prayer. There is no hope of prevalence with God unless we abase ourselves that he may exalt us in due time.

It was filial prayer. "Abba, Father." You will find it a stronghold in the day of trial to plead your adoption. You have no rights as a subject, you have forfeited them by your treason; but nothing can forfeit a child's right to a father's protection. Be not afraid to say, "My Father, hear my cry."

Observe that it was persevering prayer. He prayed three times. Cease not until you prevail. Be as the importunate widow, whose continual coming earned what her first supplication could not win. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

Lastly, it was the prayer of resignation. "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." Yield, and God yields. Let it be as God wills, and God will determine for the best. Be thou content to leave thy prayer in his hands, who knows when to give, and how to give, and what to give, and what to withhold. So pleading, earnestly, importunately, yet with humility and resignation, thou shalt surely prevail.

Steven Cox
Excellent Grand Prelate