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Greetings Sir Knights of Wisconsin,

Living the tenants through knighthood.

As Sir knights we took an oath to defend the Christian views. Part of that is to spread the word, to share those views upon the world. Do we do this? I think we try, I also think we feel it is more difficult than it is.

Most will have the thought of going door to door knocking and asking about that person's faith based on my first few sentences. But it does not have to be like this, it is much simpler. We have an amazing program Call the Holy Land Pilgrimage, that allows any member of the cloth that has a congregation the opportunity to walk in the foots steps of Jesus. The cost is covered by the program and can be found on the grand encampment web site.

But here is the thought or the challenge that I share with you that came to me as we start to get back to the new life post Covid. In our daily coming and goings, we drive past places of worship. Places where we are not part of the congregation, that we do not attend services at but when we do drive by, we see full parking lots, people coming and going. Some we may recognize some, some we may not. We might have seen some of them at the local market, but many of we only know are part of the community in which we live. How remarkable it would be to just stop, introduce yourself to that spiritual leader and declare that we have this program. Spend a little time getting to know this new person of the cloth and recommend them for this life changing opportunity. This might even lead to people from that person of the cloth's congregation wanting to know more about who these men are that provided their spiritual leader with this life altering possibility. It creates a win, win, win situation. You meet someone new; you give them a once in a lifetime gift and you may find new members from a source unturned.

Knowing for a fact that this changes the way they preach upon their return, it has a never-ending payback for the communities in which we live and the people within those communities.

So, on your way home from work or when you're out running an errand, stop by that church or place of worship, introduce yourself as a Sir Knight and present someone with an opportunity of an amazing gift, the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

You will be amazed at the doors that will open.

In Brotherhood,

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Sir Knights:

On June 17, 2023, I was installed as the Grand Warder at the 165th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin. This is my first time in the Grand Commandery line, and I am extremely honored and very humbled to serve you.

As part of my duties as the Grand Warder, I will be running the 50/50 raffle for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund at all our inspections.

Our medieval brethren guarded pilgrims on the road to the Holy Land. Nowadays there is not so much a need for that sort of thing. However, we continue in our medieval predecessors mission by raising the necessary funds to send members of the clergy on pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

As Sir Knights this should serve as a great source of pride for us all and I humbly urge everyone to consider buying 50/50 raffle tickets at all our inspections to help support the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

I look forward to seeing all of you at your inspection. Please feel free to walk up and say hi, maybe even ask me about my suspenders.

Courteously yours
Joshua T Sudbrink, GW