

# *Delaware Knights Templar* **NEWSLETTER**

June 2025



## **ORDER OF THE RED CROSS**

This order consists of two sections:

(1) Zerubbabel's (the candidate) admission to the Jewish Council at Jerusalem, in which he is granted permission and authority to travel to Babylon to obtain leave from King Darius to stop the enemies of the Jews from hindering their progress in building the Temple, as well as to recover the Holy Vessels of the Temple which were taken as booty to Babyloktrcn by King Nebuchadnezzar when he destroyed the First Temple. Zerubbabel is also given a sword to defend himself; a sash to remind him of his cause; and a password to get him by Jewish sentinels on his journey. Unfortunately, he is captured and made prisoner upon reaching the domains of King Darius.

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(2) At the court of Darius, Zerubbabel renews his earlier friendship with the King, and is granted a position in the royal household. He then participates in a friendly contest with other nobles regarding the question: "Which is greater? The strength of wine? The power of the King? Or the influence of woman?" Zerubbabel chooses the latter, and adds an additional element: The force of truth. After rendering his rhetorical declamation on women and concluding in favor of truth above all, Zerubbabel is declared the winner of the contest and is granted his desires by the King. To perpetuate the event, Darius creates a new Order, the Order of The Red Cross, and after an obligation, makes Zerubbabel its first member. Next, Zerubbabel receives the signs, grips, and words, as well as a historical lecture. The body is called a Council. The cornerstone of this Order is the all-important attribute of truth, and the importance of keeping one's word. It foreshadows the words of Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

### **Dates:**

#### Commandery

Thursday June 12. St. John's #1 Commandery 7:30pm, Wilmington

Thursday June 19. St Andrews #2 Commandery 7:30pm, Dover

Thursday July 31 Trinity #3 Commandery 7:30pm, Wilmington

#### Chapter

Delta #6 Monday June 9. 7:30pm, Newport

St. John's #4 7:30, Newark

### **Commandery on the move:**

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Well it's been a busy month for us and we've been on the move getting out and visiting our neighboring commanderies.

Trinity #3 Commandery



Virginia Grand Commandery Conclave





Joppa #3 Council in Georgetown DE



Delta #6 Chapter





Chesapeake 10 Commandery Denton MD





West Virginia Grand Commandery Conclave



We're having a great time getting out to support our companions and Sir Knights.

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