



**NEWS for August 2025**  
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**Greetings Sir Knights!**

**With July nearly behind us and August brightly shining in the near future, I have had a number of interesting and enlightening conversations this month.**

**My schedule for August will include my Official Visit to Fall City Commandery #30 on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Depending how the day goes I may or may not make the Chapter and Council meetings prior to the Commandery meeting. I am looking forward to attending the meeting of our newest Commandery.**

**Sales of raffle tickets continue and I appreciate the support from the Sir Knights. 50% of the proceeds for this raffle will be dedicated to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund for Christian Ministers.**

**This fund is used to support credentialed ministers in traveling to the Holy Land and participating in an 11-day study and tour of the Holy Land focusing on the sites and areas of the New Testament. This trip is described as a Biblical and historical/cultural immersion experience for those who have not had this opportunity.**

**I encourage each of the Commandries in Washington to seek out a minister in their area who has not been on this Pilgrimage. Then put forth their name to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee to be considered for this experience. The fund picks up the international travel costs and the local Commandry is responsible for getting the minister to New York where the trip starts. There is additional information on the website (<https://kthlp.com>). Currently they are planning for two groups of 30+ in 2026.**

**On another subject, I have received a lot of interest from Sir Knights regarding Drill Teams. We have at least two Commandries working on drills and sword work in anticipation of participating in some kind of exposition or competition in the upcoming year. There is a third possible team made up of the Commandries in one of the districts. I have sent out the information I received from the Grand Commandry of Wisconsin to the District instructor and am working to obtain videos to share with the Sir Knights on what was presented at their Conclave.**

**I will be bringing this message to each of the Commandries at my official visits and my Deputy Instructors at their visits to the Commandries.**

**It is hard to believe that we are already into the 4<sup>th</sup> month of this adventure. I truly look forward to visiting with you and discussing Templary and our future.**

**In His holy name,**

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