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## CALLING ALL SIR KNIGHTS IN VIRGINIA!

Do you have pictures, articles, event recaps, or announcements to share?

The Virginia Knight is your platform to reach Sir Knights across the Commonwealth. Help us tell the story of Templary in Virginia by sharing the good work, fellowship, service, and events happening in your Commandery.

Submissions may include:

- Commandery events and activities
- Photos from meetings, receptions, and special programs
- Announcements and upcoming events
- Articles of interest to Sir Knights and their families
- Charitable work and community involvement

Please submit all images, articles, and announcements to Sir Knight Carter, Editor-in-Chief, no later than the 3rd Saturday of each month to be considered for the next month's edition of The Virginia Knight. Let us share your Commandery's story with the rest of Virginia.



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## THE APARTMENT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

This July, as our nation prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, I hope every Sir Knight takes time to celebrate the freedom our forefathers fought to secure. This milestone is more than a birthday. It is a reminder that liberty was not handed to us cheaply. It was purchased through sacrifice, preserved through courage, and entrusted to each generation that followed.

As Knights Templar, we understand the weight of an inheritance. We know that noble things survive only when good men are willing to defend them, teach them, and pass them on. The freedoms we enjoy, the faith we profess, and the fraternity we share all require more than admiration. They require action.

That is why I ask every Sir Knight to make this season more than a moment of reflection. Let it become a call to renewed service.

On Saturday, August 22, I invite you to join us at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the Honorary DeMolay Degree. There could hardly be a more fitting place to gather than a Memorial dedicated to Washington: the man, the Mason, and the Father of our Country. Let us come together in support of our Masonic youth, our shared values, and the future leaders who will carry forward what we have received.

I also ask you to consider your own part in The Signet Vanguard. This challenge was created with one simple purpose: to encourage each Sir Knight to bring one worthy Christian Mason into the Orders of Knighthood. Not a crowd. Not a campaign of strangers. One man. One sincere invitation. One petition. One new Sir Knight who may one day strengthen his Commandery because someone cared enough to ask.

That may sound small, but there is strength in its focus.

The Legacy We Share is not only found in history books or old photographs. It is found in the choices we make now. Celebrate freedom. Support our youth. Invite a worthy man to stand with us.

Let us honor the past by building what comes next.



*M. T. Huff*  
Grand Commander





## A LEGACY BENEATH THE MOUNTAIN



There are moments in Masonry when tradition stops being something spoken of in general terms and becomes something seen, felt, and remembered. The annual Cave Degree for Virginia DeMolay is one of those moments.

On June 6, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia was well represented at the Virginia DeMolay Spring Meeting and Grand Master's Class in Luray. The Right Eminent Grand Commander was joined by the Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, and Grand Sword Bearer as they attended this remarkable event in support of the young men of Virginia DeMolay.

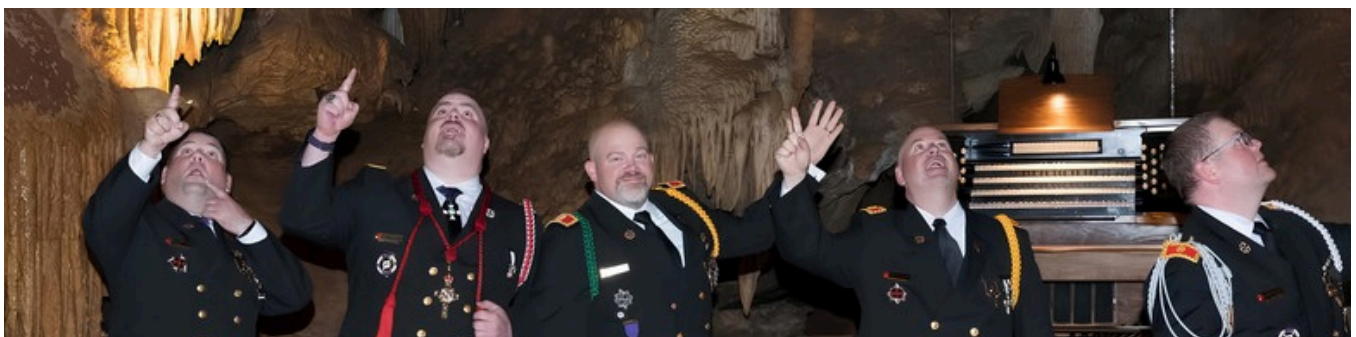
Also present were State Master Councilor Michael Keith and his officers, Executive Officer Dad David Murray, Most Worshipful Grand Master Matthew Szramoski, and the Grand Line of Virginia. Their participation reflected what every Mason already understands: our youth are the future of this fraternity, and the time invested in them today helps shape the men and leaders they will become.

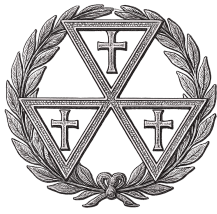
The Cave Degree has become legendary in Virginia, and for good reason. To see a class of young men become DeMolays inside Luray Caverns is something that leaves a lasting impression. The setting gives weight to the occasion. The stone, the silence, the history, and the ritual come together in a way few events can match. It is a reminder that good traditions do not survive by accident. They survive because people care enough to carry them forward.

For the Knights Templar of Virginia, support of Masonic youth remains an important part of the work. DeMolay teaches leadership, service, reverence, loyalty, and brotherhood at an age when those lessons can help shape a lifetime. Some of these young men may one day become Masons. Some may one day become Sir Knights. All of them are being given tools that can help them become better men. That work deserves attention, encouragement, and presence.

Congratulations are extended to the newly obligated DeMolays who became part of this proud and living tradition. May they take its lessons seriously, enjoy its fellowship fully, and grow through the opportunities it provides. Gratitude is also due to the advisors, parents, officers, and Masons who made the day possible. Their work, much of it unseen, continues to strengthen the future of the Masonic family in Virginia.

The Cave Degree is more than a beautiful tradition. It is a reminder that legacy is not something admired from a distance. It is something that each generation is invited to become part of.





## GRAND PRELATE'S MESSAGE

Rev. Richard E. Saunders *Grand Prelate*

During the month of July, we celebrate Independence Day, when our thoughts naturally turn to the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this great nation. We remember the courage of those who pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor in the cause of liberty. We honor the generations of Americans who have sacrificed to preserve those freedoms, often at great personal cost. Gratitude for such blessings is both fitting and necessary, for freedom is among the most precious gifts bestowed upon mankind.

Yet for the Christian, freedom carries a meaning that reaches beyond national independence. While political liberty allows us to govern ourselves and pursue our aspirations, spiritual liberty transforms the very purpose for which we live. The Apostle Peter reminds believers, "Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16).

Peter's words challenge a common misunderstanding of freedom. The world often teaches that freedom means the absence of obligation: the ability to do whatever one desires. Scripture presents a different vision. True freedom is not found in casting off responsibility but in willingly dedicating ourselves to the service of God. Through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, we have been set free from the bondage of sin, selfishness, and spiritual darkness so that we might become faithful servants of our Lord and compassionate servants to one another.

This truth should resonate deeply within the heart of every Christian Sir Knight. As Believers, we profess our allegiance to Christ: our Lord, Savior and King. The principles of our Order call us to lives marked by honor, charity, courage, and fidelity. We do not wear the mantle of Knighthood for our own distinction, but as a reminder that Christian service is our highest calling. The freedom we enjoy in Christ is demonstrated most clearly when we extend kindness to the lonely, provide assistance to those in need, encourage a struggling Brother, support our churches, and labor for the good of our communities.

Freedom rightly exercised always produces gratitude. It should lead us to recognize that many blessings we enjoy today were purchased through the sacrifices of others. We are especially mindful of those faithful Sir Knights and Brethren who came before us. Their dedication preserved the principles and traditions we now inherit. They labored faithfully in their day so that we might continue the work in ours. Their example reminds us that every generation bears a responsibility to continue the legacy we share: that of faith, service, and integrity, for those who will follow.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, we should also remember that our highest freedom was secured not on a battlefield, but at Calvary. There, through His sacrifice, Christ purchased our redemption and opened the way to eternal life. Because of Him, we are free—not to live for ourselves, but to live for God. Such freedom should fill our hearts with humility, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to service.

May we therefore give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, both as citizens and as Christians. May we honor the memory of those who sacrificed for our nation, and for our faith. And may we, as Christian Knights, use our liberty wisely and faithfully—walking in honor, practicing charity, strengthening our communities, encouraging our Brethren, and bringing glory to Jesus Christ in all that we do. In so doing, we demonstrate that true freedom is not found in self-interest, but in joyful service to God and to our fellow man.

Always & All Ways in Christ,

*Rick*



# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

## OUR CHIVALRIC INVESTMENT IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Jason Curtis “Jake” Trenary *Grand Captain General*



The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage is a program facilitated by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, but it is managed financially by each subordinate Grand Commandery within the State in which it resides.

Our mission is to send credentialed Christian Ministers on a Biblical study featuring a historical and cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise.

Our purpose is to strengthen Christian ministry by providing an intensive travel and education program for credentialed ministers in the form of a study pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our previous experience has shown how much the opportunity to ‘walk where Jesus walked’ can positively affect the religious intelligence, preaching, instruction, and spirituality of a ministry. It is our commitment to immerse these Pilgrim ministers in the land, the sights, the sounds, the history, and the culture of the Holy Land, past and present.

Who is this program for? This program is only for Christian Ministers.

How are they nominated to participate? The various State Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar sponsor Christian Ministers on an all-expenses paid study pilgrimage in Israel for 11 days. We do not solicit applications.

Local ministers are invited by individual local Virginia Commanderies of Knights Templar to consider the possibility, and a nomination form is submitted by them. This is a fully packed itinerary and a physically aggressive program that involves 5 -7 miles of walking many days, often uphill or up steps and on uneven surfaces. The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage for Christian Ministers takes place in February of each year.

Current Scheduled Trips for 2027:

Group A, Monday, February 1 – Thursday, February 11, 2027

Group B, Monday, February 15 – Thursday, February 25, 2027

How can everyone help? We do not accept applications for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage from individuals. Local Commanderies of Knights Templar (affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity) must select and nominate Christian ministers from their area to participate in the program. These Nominations can be processed locally and then submitted to the committee chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

What can your local minister do? An inquiring minister can express their interest in the program to members of the Masonic fraternity in their congregation or local area and have them contact the nearest Commandery of Knights Templar. He or she can share their willingness to be nominated for the program. The decision whether to proceed with the nomination process is in the hands of the local Commandery of Knights Templar. The Grand Commandery of Virginia currently has the financial ability to send 4 pastors to the Holy Land this year. Beyond your donations and financial support, we need your help to find the next group of candidates to send. If you know of a candidate, please bring their nomination forward to our Grand Captain General and Chairman, SK Jason Curtis “Jake” Trenary who can be contacted specifically via email about this philanthropy at [hlp@vatemplars.com](mailto:hlp@vatemplars.com) or at 703-928-8939.

You can now donate online: You can financially support this program as well by donating online to purchase a Holy Land Pilgrimage jewel or Oak Leaf Cluster at <https://vatemplars.square.site/s/shop>



## STRENGTHENING TEMPLARY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



On June 13, Sir Knight Michael Huff and staff were warmly welcomed by Sir Knight Michael Coffey, R.<sup>+</sup>E.<sup>+</sup>. Grand Commander of King Baldwin Grand Commandery, during King Baldwin Grand Commandery's School of Instruction and Cabinet Meeting held in Fredericksburg.

The visit continued the growing friendship and cooperation between our Grand Jurisdictions. Opportunities like this remind us that Templary is strengthened not only by the work we do within our own Commanderies, but also by the relationships we build with those laboring in the same cause.



The School of Instruction and Cabinet Meeting provided a meaningful opportunity for fellowship, conversation, and shared purpose. Sir Knight Coffey and his Grand Officers extended every courtesy to Sir Knight Huff and his staff, and the day reflected the mutual respect that has long existed between our jurisdictions.

This spirit of partnership is important. When Grand Commanderies support one another, share ideas, and show up in fellowship, the work of Templary becomes stronger across the region. We are grateful to Sir Knight Coffey and the Sir Knights of King Baldwin Grand Commandery for their hospitality and for their continued friendship.







One week later, on June 20, Sir Knight Huff and the Grand Officers had the pleasure of welcoming Sir Knight Coffey and his staff to our District 2 Visitation.

The evening continued the same spirit of fellowship and cooperation shared in Fredericksburg. It was a welcome opportunity to return the hospitality shown by King Baldwin Grand Commandery and to strengthen the bond between our Grand Jurisdictions.

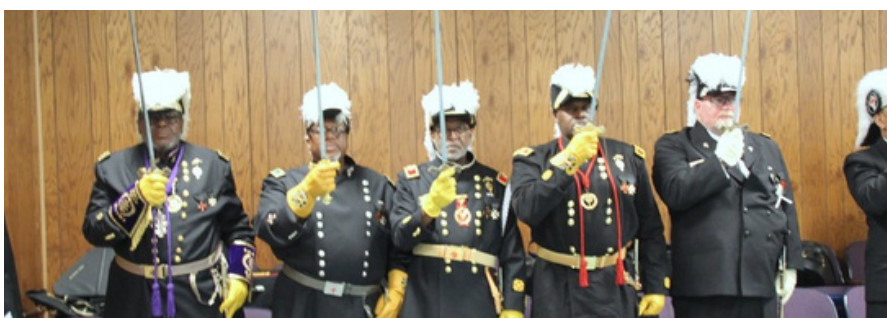
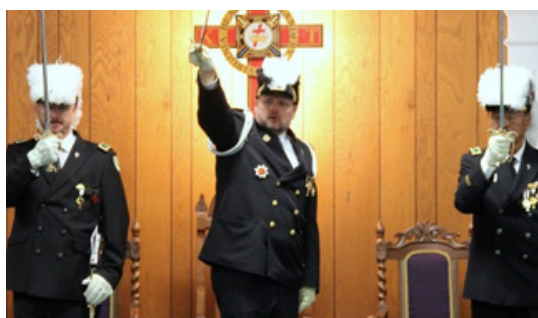
During the visitation, invitations were exchanged for King Baldwin Grand Commandery's Stated Conclave, which will be held on Wednesday, September 30. This invitation carries special meaning. For many years, our attendance at King Baldwin's Stated Conclave has been limited by a scheduling conflict with the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference. With this year's change in schedule, we are excited for the opportunity to attend in mass and support Sir Knight Coffey and his Grand Officers.



These visits are more than formal courtesies. They are reminders that our work is connected. They give us the chance to build friendships, encourage one another, and stand together in the shared mission of Christian Chivalry.

We look forward to the upcoming visit to King Baldwin Grand Commandery's Stated Conclave and to the continued fellowship between our Grand Jurisdictions.

Together, these two visits reflect a simple but important truth: when Sir Knights gather in friendship, instruction, and common purpose, the bonds of Templary grow stronger.







# LIBERTY, TEMPLARY & THE AMERICAN INHERITANCE

As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Americans will naturally turn their eyes toward Philadelphia, toward the Continental Congress, and toward the men who placed their names upon a document that changed the course of history.

For most citizens, that anniversary will be a patriotic celebration. For Knights Templar, it should be something even more personal.

We do not have to stretch the record to connect American Templary with the birth of the Republic. The threads are already there. Before there was a United States, before the Treaty of Paris, before the Constitution, and before the young nation began to define itself among the powers of the world, the Order of the Temple had already taken root on this continent.

The first recorded conferral of the Order of the Temple in North America took place on August 28, 1769, when Captain William Davis received the honor. Later that same year, Paul Revere was knighted. The following year, in 1770, General Joseph Warren received the Order.

Those names matter. Not because every patriot was a Templar, and not because we need to claim more than the record gives us, but because the earliest known history of American Templary belongs to the same generation that wrestled with liberty, conscience, duty, faith, sacrifice, and resistance to tyranny. Revere and Warren were not merely names in a Masonic register. They were men whose lives became part of the American story.

That simple statement is worth a deeper consideration.

American Templary did not arrive after the Revolution, once the hard work had already been done and the country was safe enough for ceremony. It was present in those unsettled years when men were deciding what freedom would cost. The first Sir Knights of record in this land lived in a world where liberty was not yet guaranteed, where loyalty was tested, and where a man's convictions could demand everything of him.

In that sense, the history of American Templary begins in the same atmosphere as the history of American independence. Both belong to a time when men spoke seriously of duty, Providence, honor, and sacrifice. Those words can sound old-fashioned now, but they were not ornamental words to the men of that age. They were the vocabulary of life itself.

After independence was won, the work of organization began. That was true of the nation, and it was true of Templary. The United States had to move from declaration to government, from wartime union to constitutional order. Templary, too, moved from scattered encampments and local practice toward structure, recognition, and unity. In 1816, representatives met in New York and organized the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in the United States. DeWitt Clinton, then Mayor of New York and formerly a United States Senator, became the first General Grand Master.



That date, 1816, is important because it places national Templary in the early Republic, close enough to the Revolution that its memory was not yet distant. The men organizing Templary in America were building within a nation still young, still testing its institutions, still learning what it meant to govern itself.

Virginia's story followed close behind, and in some ways it carries the same character: old records, incomplete evidence, scattered beginnings, and then the slow work of order.

There is evidence of an Encampment working in Winchester as early as 1812. In Richmond, St. John's Rising Star Encampment was organized on March 24, 1816, and later received a regular charter from the General Grand Encampment. These were not isolated curiosities. They were the early signs of Templary finding a home in the Commonwealth.

Then came Winchester. On November 27, 1823, delegates from several Virginia Encampments met in the Masons' Hall in Winchester. The next day, November 28, the Grand Encampment of the State of Virginia was organized. Winchester Encampment, Warren Encampment at Harpers Ferry, and Mount Carmel Encampment were part of that original formation. Soon after, questions of jurisdiction and recognition had to be settled, as they often do in the early life of any institution. Richmond Encampment was brought into the fold, Mount Carmel faded, and Virginia's Grand Encampment was placed on firmer ground.

It was not perfectly smooth. It was not preserved in complete records. It involved questions, corrections, reorganizations, and the slow discipline of building something meant to last. There is something encouraging in that. Institutions we now treat with reverence were once fragile. They survived because men kept showing up, kept working through the difficulties, and believed the thing was worth preserving.

By 1826, DeMolay Encampment No. 4 appeared in Lynchburg. By 1827, Portsmouth Encampment No. 5 and Appomattox Encampment No. 6 in Petersburg were among those listed in the growing Virginia record. The names alone tell a story: Winchester, Richmond, Harpers Ferry, Lynchburg, Portsmouth, Petersburg. These were not just points on a map. They were communities where Sir Knights gathered, governed, conferred, marched, prayed, and carried the work forward.

As the country expanded, Templary expanded with it. As the country suffered, Templary suffered with it. Anti-Masonry shook the Craft in the 1820s and 1830s. The Civil War brought division and grief into the national household. Reconstruction tested every institution in the land. Later came growth, public parades, uniformed pride, charitable work, and the great national gatherings that marked Templary's maturity.

Virginia knew those seasons as well. Our Grand Commandery lived through the same storms as the Commonwealth and the Republic. It endured war, social change, economic hardship, declining membership, revival, and renewal. That long survival is not accidental. It is the fruit of men who believed that the Orders of Christian Knighthood still had something to say to the age in which they lived.

That brings us back to the 250th anniversary of American independence. For Sir Knights, celebrating the history of American Templary is not merely an exercise in nostalgia. It is a celebration of the freedoms of the United States, because our Order has flourished under those freedoms. Freedom of conscience. Freedom of worship. Freedom of assembly. Freedom to form associations built around faith, charity, service, and moral improvement. Freedom to stand in public as Christian Knights, bearing witness to principles older than the Republic itself, yet protected by the liberty the Republic was founded to secure. We should not take that lightly.

The Declaration of Independence announced that rights are not gifts of government. They are rooted in a higher source. That conviction shaped the moral imagination of the founding generation. It also sits comfortably with the deepest instincts of Templary. We are men who understand that earthly honors are temporary, that duty is real, and that no society remains free if its citizens lose the virtues necessary to sustain freedom. Liberty requires character. It always has.

A free people must be capable of self-government, but self-government begins long before elections, laws, or public offices. It begins in the conscience. It begins in the home, the church, the lodge room, the chapter, the asylum, and every place where men are taught to govern themselves before presuming to govern anything else.

That is where Templary still has work to do. We know our ritual. We know our titles. We know the sound of the sword, the weight of the uniform, and the meaning of the vows we have taken. But history asks more of us than remembrance. It asks whether we are still worthy of the inheritance.

The men who founded this nation were not perfect men. No honest historian would claim otherwise. The early Sir Knights of America were not perfect either. Neither are we. But the standard was never perfection. The standard was fidelity: fidelity to God, to truth, to duty, to one another, and to the principles entrusted to our care.

As we celebrate 250 years since the Declaration of Independence, let us do so as Americans, as Masons, and as Knights Templar. Let us remember Paul Revere and Joseph Warren, not as ornaments for a speech, but as men who lived in a time when conviction required courage. Let us remember the early encampments along the Atlantic coast, the organization of national Templary in 1816, and the Virginia Sir Knights who gathered in Winchester in 1823 to give structure to our work in this Commonwealth.

Let us remember that our own history is part of a larger American story, and then let us ask the harder question: what will those who come after us say of our generation?

Will they say we admired the past but failed to preserve it? Or will they say we understood the moment, strengthened our Commanderies, supported our charities, mentored younger men, honored our Christian profession, and carried forward the legacy placed in our hands?

The 250th anniversary of the Declaration is not only a celebration of what was declared. It is a reminder of what must still be defended.

Freedom survives when it is cherished. It survives when it is practiced with discipline. It survives when it is passed from one generation to the next by men who know its cost.

So too those traditions, freedoms, and sense of duty persist within Templary.

To celebrate American Templary is to celebrate the freedoms of the United States. It is to give thanks for a country where such an Order could take root, grow, endure, and continue its work. It is to honor the Sir Knights who came before us and to accept our place in the line.

History has handed us the banner, and now it is ours to carry.



## LADY CHELSEA CHAMPIONS PAWS OF HONOR

This Chivalric year, First Lady Chelsea has chosen to focus her charitable efforts on Paws of Honor, a worthy organization whose mission speaks directly to service, loyalty, and care for those who have faithfully served.

Paws of Honor's message is simple and powerful: Two Heroes. One Leash. Their work supports retired military and law enforcement K9s and the handlers who cared for them in service. These remarkable dogs have protected communities, assisted law enforcement, supported military missions, and served our country both locally and globally. When their years of active duty come to an end, their need for care continues.



The goal of Paws of Honor is to provide veterinary care and products at no charge for retired military and law enforcement K9s. This support helps ease the financial burden placed on handlers and families after these dogs retire from official service. From specialty food and monthly medications to senior wellness exams and ongoing veterinary needs, Paws of Honor helps ensure that retired K9s receive the care, dignity, and appreciation they have earned.

Lady Chelsea has set a goal of raising \$10,000 for Paws of Honor during this year. This effort gives our Templar family an opportunity to stand behind a cause that reflects many of the values we hold dear: fidelity, courage, sacrifice, gratitude, and service.

Paws of Honor reports more than 1,100 K9s enrolled, more than 600 active enrolled K9s, and millions of dollars in funding provided for their care. Behind each number is a loyal working dog, a devoted handler, and a story of service worthy of our support.

Throughout the year, Sir Knights, ladies, families, friends, and supporters will have opportunities to contribute through donations, events, and special charitable projects. Every gift matters. A modest donation can help provide food, medication, wellness care, or other essential support for a retired K9 hero.

Lady Chelsea invites each of you to join her in supporting this meaningful cause. Together, we can help care for those who once stood watch, answered the call, and served faithfully at the end of the leash.

These little gifts truly make a Paw-fully big difference.





## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### GREETINGS SIR KNIGHTS!

I would like to send a request out to all of the constituent Commanderies in this great Commonwealth to share their stories and pictures of any charity work or philanthropy support in which your members have participated since the beginning of the current Chivalric year.

The submitted images and stories would be used to highlight how Commanderies of our Commonwealth are working to carry the message "outside of the box" to the local communities, by **WALKING THE WALK**, and living the obligations of our institution.

Your submission can simply be a couple of lines of text accompanying a picture or two. The point is to share with each other what has been successful for your Commandery, and could be "borrowed" by others to spread the Word and good works through charity and hospitality throughout the State.

Image submissions should be in \*.JPEG format, and should highlight the membership and the target charity. The information about the event can simply be added as text in the email, and I will cut and paste to fit for sizing and layout. Please don't forget to indicate your Commandery so credit goes where it is due.

Ideally, this will be an ongoing segment of the Virginia Knight, so as your year progresses, please keep sending in your submissions.

Submissions and questions may be sent to [viriniaknight.editor@gmail.com](mailto:viriniaknight.editor@gmail.com).

With Knightly Courtesy,

  
*Daniel J. Carter, Editor-In-Chief*





# Become an Honorary DeMolay

## The Ralph Taylor Woodrow Class

Virginia DeMolay is honored to invest the Degrees of DeMolay upon any Master Mason who did not have the opportunity when they were young.

This is also a great opportunity to support our local DeMolay chapter with their fundraising and charity goals.

This class is named in honor of Sir Knight Ralph Woodrow, a long-time supporter of Templary and DeMolay.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> | Noon**



**\$100**

Includes:

- Lunch
- Donation to DeMolay
- Lettered & Signed Certificate

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