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OMSDT Calendar

APRIL 4 ROUND TABLE

APRIL 14 BIBLE STUDY

(The Life of Jacob - Genesis 28-36)

APRIL 18 ROUND TABLE

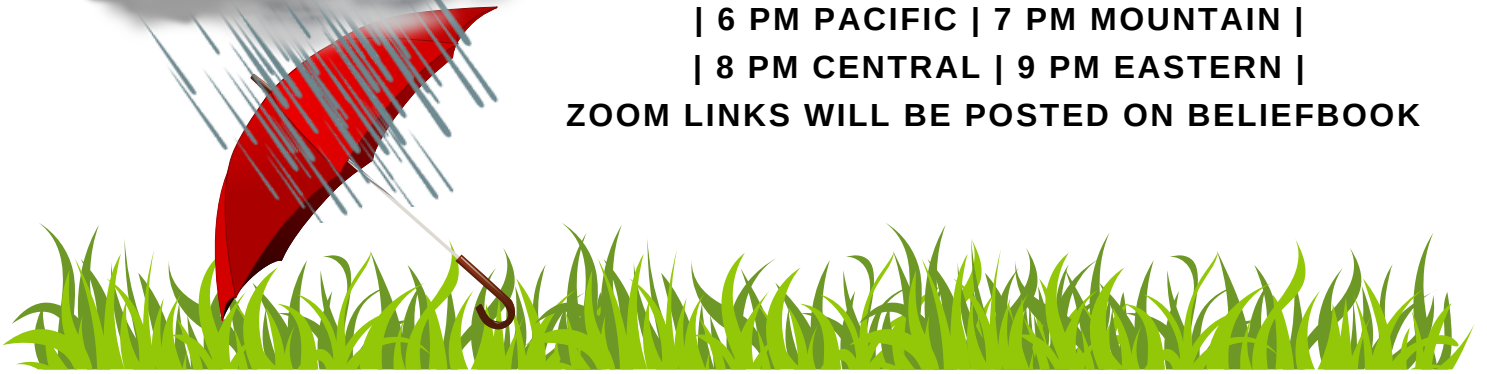
APRIL 28 BIBLE STUDY

ROUND TABLES AND BIBLE STUDIES

| 6 PM PACIFIC | 7 PM MOUNTAIN |

| 8 PM CENTRAL | 9 PM EASTERN |

ZOOM LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON BELIEFBOOK



TEMPLAR ACADEMIE

"CHRIST-FOCUSED IN ALL THAT WE DO"

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THESE MEMBERS FOR COMPLETING
ACADÉMIE CLASSWORK IN THE
MONTH OF MARCH 2024

JOHN KOVACS (SAA Classes)
(actually completed in February)
TIMOTHY CUMMINGS (CAA Classes)
CHATO SANCARLOS LIGA (CAA Classes)
RANDALL MORRIS (CAA Classes)
BRYAN CUILLERIER (CAA Classes)
KURT NAGL (CAA Classes)
CHRIS HOWELL (CAA Classes)



LEADERSHIP NEWS

With the blessing of the Grand Master, Grand Prior Derek Nordio was pleased to make four announcements in March 2024. Two were the appointments to Grand Officer positions. One was to announce the return of a Prior, and the news of an addition of a Priory region. Our Order is growing and all the changes are exciting. We also have many members who are advancing in rank and assuming more duties within their Priorities. God has blessed us richly!

On March 4, 2024, Prior **Mark Snurr** was appointed to the office of Grand Seneschal. GS will work closely with GP in the day-to-day operations of the Order, conduct the weekly Roll Call and manage the Round Tables. GT Marc Blaydoe will assist in moderating the Round Tables when GS' work schedule interferes. GS will continue to lead the Priory of St. Luke.

On March 6, 2024, Grand Marshal **Marc Blaydoe** was appointed to the office of Grand Turcopolier (Grand Turco). His duties in this position include overseeing the Templar Academie and providing progress reports of CAAs and SAAs to all Priory leaders. GT will continue to lead the Priory of the Holy Trinity.



Mark Snurr
Grand Seneschal (GS)



Marc Blaydoe
Grand Turco (GT)

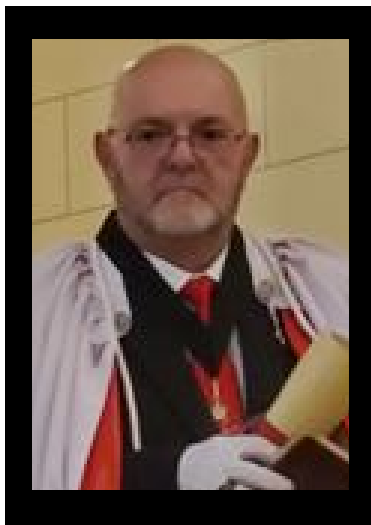
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On March 9, 2024, Sir **Bruce Bennett** returned to the position of Prior and will resume leading the Priory of St. Sebastian. After stepping away for a few months in the Fall of 2023, we are pleased that circumstances now allow him to return to Order leadership.

Upon Prior Bruce's return, the Order was afforded the opportunity to reduce the size of the Priory of St. Sebastian and create a **new Priory, named St. Helena**. The four states that will comprise that Priory are Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. The Priory of St. Helena will be led by Grand Master **Rick Trujillo**.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone! May God continue to bless and guide you in your leadership roles so that we may always glorify Him!



Prior Bruce Bennett
St. Sebastian Priory



GM Rick Trujillo
St. Helena Priory Leader



The Templars' reason for existence was to defend Christendom and Christians, and to this end they used their European properties to raise money, supplies, and personnel for their military activities on the frontiers. Leading Templars in the Latin East sent regular newsletters to their brothers and leading secular and religious figures in Europe, with the latest news of their activities, an overview of events on the frontier, and requests for aid. Their alms-collectors travelled regularly around Europe, preaching and collecting donations. They had papal authority to visit churches under interdict once a year, and to judge from contemporary complaints they visited more often.

Source: Cambridge University Press / [cambridge.org](https://www.cambridge.org)

OMSDT LEADERSHIP

ORDER LEADERSHIP

Grand Master (GM)

Rick Trujillo

Grand Prior (GP)

Derek Nordio

Grand Seneschal (GS)

Mark Snurr

Grand Secretary (GSY)

Reneé Nordio

Grand Turco (GT)

Marc Blaydoe

Grand Chaplain (GC)

(Fr. John) Kelmy Rodriquez



PRIORY LEADERSHIP

Priory of King David

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

Priory of Joan of Arc

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

Priory of St. Sebastian

Prior Bruce Bennett

Priory of St. Helena

Grand Master (GM) Rick Trujillo

Priory of St. Luke

Grand Seneschal (GS) Mark Snurr

Priory of the Holy Trinity

Grand Marshal (GT) Marc Blaydoe

Priory of St. Michael the Archangel

Grand Secretary (GSY) Reneé Nordio

International Priories of

St. Evaristus (Asia)

St. Miltiades (Africa)

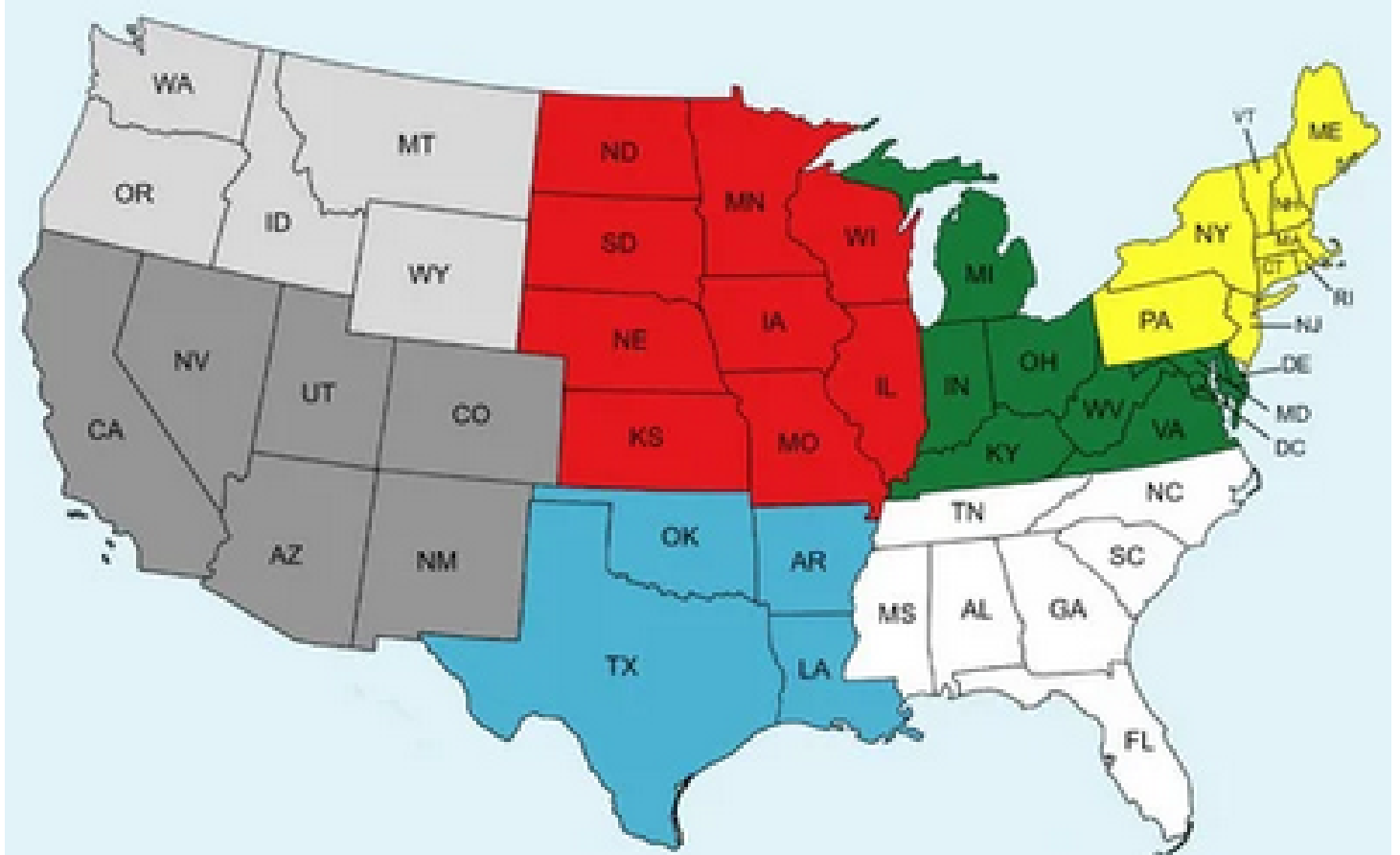
St. Romero (Latin America)

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

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U.S. PRIORITIES MAP



King David (Light Grey)

St. Joan of Arc (Dark Grey)

St. Sebastian (Red)

St. Helena (Blue)

St. Luke (Green)

Holy Trinity (White)

St. Michael (Yellow)

INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES MAP



St. Romero (Latin America)

✠ left

St. Miltiades (Africa)

✠ center

St. Evaristus (Asia)

✠ right

FROM THE DESK
OF OUR GC

Grand Chaplain
(Fr. John) Kelmy Rodriguez



SEASONAL MINDSET



As Earth has seasons, so do our lives. Every season has a purpose, various stages, attributes, and representations. Each season has its strengths and personality trademarks. As His creation, we must understand that our souls are uniformed like seasonal applications. Our thought processes and emotional intelligence are like seasons continually changing.

Seasons change with purpose and symmetry; everything has a purpose. From the decisions we make to the people we meet; they all play a part within GOD's intelligent design. *"To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

To many, the fall represents the initial stages of plant life's imminent death. The leaves of trees that have endured perhaps centuries of environmentalism begin to fall. Winter represents a cold, dead, and stagnant life. It represents death on occasion. Nearly all plant life and some mammals cannot tolerate the violent retaliation this season delivers.

Conceivably, this perhaps the reason why it is the least appreciated season by humankind. Groundhogs and bears hibernate throughout the season, as many of us do physically and spiritually. The Spring represents new life and new beginnings. The leaves on the tree birth and begin to grow; plants and flowers start to blossom. Insects are busy with new-found determination as they build new colonies in concert.

The summer represents endurance. There are various struggles associate with this hot, humid season which tends to aggravate any underlying medical condition. This season breeds undesirable behaviors, especially

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**Grand Chaplain
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within our youth. As all the seasonal attributes have different interpretations and representations, we have ours. Have you noticed that your life has moments of ebb and flow, wax and wane, peaks and valleys? The cycle of life will always consist of ups and downs. *“He makes the moon wax and wane, putting it through its phases. He draws the horizon out over the ocean, sets a boundary between light and darkness.”* (Job 26:9-10)

The ability to conquer adversity and grow is contingent on the mindset of the facilitator. The capacity for interpersonal, professional, and spiritual growth is fostered within the season’s realm the mind has embraced. The three innate needs are purpose, love, security.

Many have spent a lifetime seeking meaning, trying to understand, and even contemplate the reason for their existence. What is human existence without the concept of love? By design, we need this incredible experience, which fosters a sense of self-worth and fulfillment. Security manufactures stability without apprehension or reservation – when weaponized by positive determination, it can bring much growth and results.

Seasons change, so do our lives and mindset. This is also especially true when it relates to our faith and prayer life. Some days we can feel the Spirit and fire during prayer; there are times we feel as we are alone and empty. Some days our prayers seem to be more powerful than others. However, when we have a strong relationship with God, we are never alone.

Live life with a Spring mentality despite whatever seasonal dilemmas you may encounter. There will be occasional April showers, be comfortable with it for it is just for a season and it shall pass. Your mindset should always reflect Spring despite the forecast of life.

FEATURED BELIEFBOOK POST



Thank you, KCP Bill Ryan of the Priory of St. Joan of Arc, for your post made on 3-18-24. Your words written in that post were very encouraging. Thank you so much! ~GSY Renee' Nordio

Dare You To Pray This

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
—Psalm 51:10-11

In the aftermath of adultery and murder, King David pleaded with God. He begged God not to cut him off (Psalm 51:11). You see, David had experienced what it's like to know God, what it's like to spend time with him, to listen to him and trust him, to love and be loved by him—and he dreaded losing that closeness and goodness and truth.

So, in desperation, he invited God to do something new in him. He invited God to rebuild his heart, in any way he would like (Psalm 51:10). He gave himself up. He gave himself over . . . to whatever work, whatever journey, whatever adventure God might have for him. He decided to trust God more than he trusted himself.

How about we do that too? We may or may not be guilty of adultery or murder, but we're all sinners. We all carry sin's taint. *"If we say we have no sin . . . the truth is not in us"* (1 John 1:8). So how about we too invite God to do something new in us? How about we too give ourselves over to whatever work, whatever journey, whatever adventure God might have for each of us?

And, how about we do it, together? We'll be better for it—God's brilliant, he's good, and he loves us. Might it be scary? Sure it might. Might it be a little painful even? Sure it might. Will it be one of the best things we ever do? Absolutely it will.

- KCP Bill Ryan
