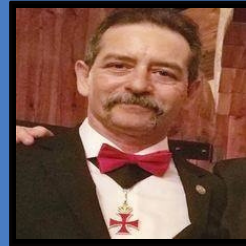


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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GM

Grand Master Rick Trujillo



LORETTO CHAPEL

The OMSDT is honored to receive permission from the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to call it our home for holding our National Conclaves and Priory Investitures.

The chapel has a long history from its construction to its journey of the first sisters to occupy it and start a school. It is most recognized for its mysterious staircase, whom many believe St. Joseph himself built it.



THE LORETTO CHAPEL, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

I have held Investitures in this most wonderful chapel and I can attest once you pass into the entrance through those large wooden doors, you experience a feeling of the history and the peace.

I would like to thank the administrators of the Loretto Chapel for working with our Order in allowing us to be a great part of its history.

LEADERSHIP OF THE OMSDT

Leadership is the most important part of an Order, for without the proper guidance and support from our leaders, we would be lost. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to all of our current leaders.

First off, our Grand Prior, Sir Derek Nordio is in command of the Grand Priory of the United States. He has an extensive leadership background serving as the creator/Prior of the King David Priory.

He is currently in command of our Grand Priory of Europe, Priory of St. Evaristus (Asia), Priory of St. Militiades (Africa), and the Priory of St. Joan of Arc.

Grand Prior Nordio is also the creator of our Templar store and has filled it with many wonderful items for all of us to purchase and enjoy. Thank you, Grand Prior Nordio!

Our Grand Secretary is Lady Reneé Nordio, who is doing a fantastic job in keeping up

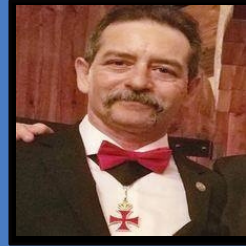
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and processing all the membership applications as they come through our website. This is not an easy position as there are a ton of steps involved in the application process.

GSY Reneé is also in charge of the creation of all our Order certificates and she does an excellent and professional job in their creation.

Our Grand Chaplain is Sir Joseph Wames who commands the Priory of St. Michael the Archangel. He also leads all of our Bible Studies and serves as the leader of the Order's Chaplains Corps.

Our Grand Turcopolier is Master Commander Sir David Bowen, who not only commands the Priory of the Holy Trinity but also our wonderful Templar Académie.

Prior Sir Bruce Bennett commands the Priory of St. Sebastian and Master Commander Sir Mark Snurr commands the Priory of St. Luke.

Grand Prior Kenneth McDonald commands the Grand Priory of Australia and is busy building up his membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to all of you for continuing to do a fantastic job in your positions.

NEWS FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER

On February 3, 2023, Australian Grand Prior Kenneth McDonald conducted a National Conclave for the Grand Priory of Australia with members Robert Livingstone and Ian McLeod receiving their Accolades.

Although the OMSDT Grand Priory of America uses only white mantles for knights, Grand Prior Kenneth advises that Australia uses either black or white for their knight mantles. Congratulations to Sir Robert Livingstone and Sir Ian McLeod!



PHOTO L to R:
SIR ROBERT LIVINGSTONE,
SIR IAN MCLEOD,
GRAND PRIOR KENNETH MCDONALD



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by Grand Prior Derek Nordio



UGANDA BIBLE DRIVE A SUCCESS



In mid-March 2023, I was feeling led to take action, so I put out a message asking if any members would be interested in making a contribution in order to purchase Bibles for the Ronsen Christian Hope Foundation in Kampala, Uganda, Africa.

The response to my message was wonderful. God is good! A total of \$639.00 was donated, enabling the Order to purchase 64 Bibles through the Uganda Bible Society. The Bibles will be

picked up on April 3rd at the Bible Society's location in Kampala, Uganda, by OMSDT member Ssenfuma Ronald, who will deliver them to the Ronsen Christian Hope Foundation.

Thank you to the following members who joined with me in contributing; MC Mark Snurr, CAA Robert Blank, CAA Isaac Black, KLT Marc Blaydoe, CAA Nicholis Ahik, 1SGT Bob Brown, CAA William Ryan, GSY Renee Nordio, GC Joe Wames and GM Rick Trujillo.

LET'S GO SHOPPING!

Opening the Templar store last Fall was a labor of love for me. It was important to find a print-on-demand (POD) company to offer personalized merchandise for our Order members. This type of online business has all the printing equipment and maintains all the inventory.

It would be a monumental expense for the Order to purchase all the needed printing equipment and to maintain a large inventory of clothing, cups and hats in a variety of colors, styles and sizes. After looking at a wide variety of POD companies, I chose Bonfire, because they offer quality merchandise with good shipping times. The only drawback with any POD business is

they don't always offer every single item one might want to offer in their store.

Even with those limitations, our Templar store offers a nice variety of items. But, if you are interested in polo shirts, business cards or brochures, please reach out to me, as I can order them for you from my VistaPrint account.

Visit the Templar store here:

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/knights-templar-omsdt/>

You may view all the merchandise here:

<https://www.beliefbook.org/groups/view/28/omsdt-merchandise>

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TEMPLAR ACADEMIE NEWS



THE NEW TEMPLAR ACADEMIE LOGO, CREATED BY GSY RENEÉ NORDIO AND APPROVED BY THE GRAND MASTER, WILL NOW APPEAR ON ALL ACADEMIE CERTIFICATES.

The Order believes in recognizing members' progress in the Templar Académie. Class completion is a great achievement and the Order wants to honor that milestone by awarding certificates for completion of the CAA and SAA classes.

If you've completed a set of classes, you can expect to receive a certificate in the mail within ten days. If you have not received your certificate within a maximum of two weeks from the date of your class completion, please reach out to Grand Secretary Reneé Nordio.

The certificates are 8-1/2" x 11", printed on heavy white cardstock and mailed to you in a large, sturdy envelope. Below are samples of the certificates.



CONGRATULATIONS! TO THESE MEMBERS FOR COMPLETING ACADEMIE CLASSWORK

AUGUST 2022

BRUCE KINCAID - CAA CLASS

OCTOBER 2022

NICHOLIS AHIK - CAA CLASS

MARC BLAYDOE - CAA and SAA CLASSES

THOMAS A. FELTS, SR. - CAA CLASS

MICHAEL GLENN - CAA CLASS

KEVIN KUEHN - CAA CLASS

NOVEMBER 2022

ROBERT LIVINGSTONE - CAA CLASS

SSENFUMA RONALD - CAA CLASS

AUNG MOE THEIN - CAA CLASS

DECEMBER 2022

ARTHUR FRENTZEL - CAA CLASS

ROBERT LIVINGSTONE - SAA CLASS

JANUARY 2023

BRUCE KINCAID - SAA CLASS

WILLIAM RYAN - CAA CLASS

REBECCA TRUJILLO - CAA CLASS

FEBRUARY 2023

MAURIZIO SCROFANI - CAA CLASS

WILFRED SMITH - CAA CLASS

MARCH 2023

ISAAC BLACK - CAA CLASS

ROBERT BLANK - CAA CLASS

JONATHON DURALL - CAA CLASS

MICHAEL GLENN - SAA CLASS

FRANK GRIMALDI - CAA CLASS

JOY LOPEZ - CAA CLASS

KELMY RODRIQUEZ - CAA CLASS

MAURIZIO SCROFANI - SAA CLASS

REBECCA TURJILLO - SAA CLASS



Without the support of Baldwin II, the King of Jerusalem, the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ, the Temple of Solomon, and the Knights Templar would not have existed.

The miraculous staircase in the Loretto Chapel has exactly 33 steps to take you to the choir loft, the age of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ when he died on the cross.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

by Grand Chaplain Joe Wames



Great to be able to share the first Chaplains Corner with you all! As we get near Easter, I saw this verse, Luke 9:51, "*As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.*"

I have read this verse numerous times and have missed the truth in plain sight. I always read this verse and assumed that He was going to Jerusalem to go to the Cross. But, upon rereading it, it says time approached for Him to be taken to heaven.

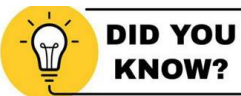
The road to heaven for Jesus went through Jerusalem and made a pit stop at the Cross. But what is interesting is that road to heaven for us does not stop at the Cross. For without the Cross and without the Empty Tomb, there is no Easter, there is no salvation!

The Cross of Christ brought salvation to the world and was the path that led Jesus to heaven! Blessed Easter celebrations to you and yours!

[NOTE: EACH MONTH WILL FEATURE A SHORT COLUMN FROM A GUEST CHAPLAIN FROM OUR CHAPLAINS CORPS.]

KNIGHT'S NECK CROSS

The Grand Master has spent many hours in finding the perfect neck cross for Order members who will be knighted. They are not only beautiful, but are excellent quality, in that they are well made and heavy in weight. The Grand Master is very pleased to be able to make these available to those receiving their Accolade. The neck cross will be accompanied by a black ribbon lanyard, so that it may be placed around the neck.



DID YOU KNOW?

For the Knights Templar, there was more to their lifestyles than just the favor of God. One of the potential reasons for longer lives

can be arguably related to the unique diet patterns of many Templars. This diet mostly included fruits, vegetables, dried legumes and cheese, along with the preference for fish, as opposed to red meat.



Happy Resurrection Sunday!

Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here;
He is risen!
~Luke 24:5-6~

