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## OMSDT Calendar

MAY 04 ROUND TABLE

~~MAY 14 BIBLE STUDY~~  
(CANCELLED due to MOTHER'S DAY)

MAY 18 ROUND TABLE

MAY 28 BIBLE STUDY

ALL ROUND TABLES AND BIBLE STUDIES ARE HELD AT 6 PM PST/9 PM EST AND THE ZOOM LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON BELIEFBOOK

**JUNE 1st** is the deadline for paying your 2023 membership renewal fee. We're pleased that we've kept a low renewal fee of \$25.00 for you to keep your membership fully activated. The Order does have some overhead expenses and you can take pride in knowing that payment of your membership renewal fee helps toward those expenses.

If you joined the Order in 2023, you will not have to pay a renewal fee in June. The initial donation you made when you joined will cover your dues until June 2024.

So, please take time to visit the Order's website and click on the link at the top of the page that says 'Donations'. When making your payment, please add a note indicating your payment is for your 2023 renewal fee.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate reach out to your Priory leader. Thanks in advance for keeping your membership current.

## FROM THE DESK OF OUR GP

by *Grand Prior Derek Nordio*



## PART II UGANDA BIBLE DRIVE - **BABY BIBLES**

As you may recall, in March 2023, we had a successful Bible Drive culminating in April 2023, enabling the Order to purchase 64 adult Bibles that were distributed by the Ronsen Christian Hope Foundation in Kampala, Uganda, Africa, to those in need.

SGT Ssenfuma Ronald from the Priory of Evaristus, shared with us many pictures of the distribution of those Bibles, including several photos of small children sharing one Baby Bible that was added as a bonus to our adult Bible order by the Uganda Bible Society.



Those photos of several children sharing the one Baby Bible really tugged at my heart. Knowing that we could definitely provide additional Baby Bibles, I put out a call to our membership to see who would join with me in creating, yet a second Bible Drive, to benefit the children, many of whom are orphans, of the Ronsen Christian Hope Foundation.

It was not a surprise to me the generous outpouring of your love.

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The contributions exceeded my expectations and also exceeded the actual need for the amount of Baby Bibles. Together, we raised a total of \$521.00!

This amount enabled us to purchase 25 Baby Bibles, 25 My Big Bibles (for older kids), and 12 more adult Bibles.



In addition to the Bibles that were purchased, we had enough funds to purchase some very needed school supplies for the children at the Foundation. We were able to purchase 288 Exercise Books (lined paper notebooks) and 288 yellow #2 pencils.

These may seem like very basic supplies to those of us in the United States, but they are essential teaching supplies for the instruction of the children.



As he had done before, SGT Ronald will pick up and deliver the Bibles and school supplies to the Foundation, as he had done before with the previous Bible order. Photo album coming soon!

*Thank  
You*

to the following members who joined with me in making this happen: MC Mark Snurr, CAA Robert

Blank, CAA Nicholis Ahik, CAA Robert Vasquez, CAA Bill Ryan, SGT Tom Felts, CAA Frank Grimaldi, GSY Reneé Nordio, and GM Rick Trujillo.



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## TEMPLAR ACADEMIE

"CHRIST-FOCUSED IN ALL THAT WE DO"

### CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THESE MEMBERS FOR COMPLETING  
ACADÉMIE CLASSWORK



APRIL 2023

KEVIN DE BORGER (CAA)  
CHARLES HARLAN (CAA)  
JACOB PRICE (CAA)  
RICARDO RODRIGUEZ (CAA)  
SSENFUMA RONALD (SAA)  
PAUL AUNG MOE THEIN (SAA)  
WILLIAM TURNER (CAA)  
JOEY UYANIB (CAA)  
TIM WHITTENBERG (CAA)



### NOTICE: ALL ACADÉMIE STUDENTS

If you are currently enrolled in any level of classes in the Académie, Grand Turco David Bowen has a request that you log out of the Académie and log back in at least once per month. Thanks much!



5/14/23

#### Mother's Day

*She is clothed with strength  
and dignity; she can laugh  
at the days to come.  
She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is  
on her tongue.  
~Proverbs 31:25-26~*

5/29/23

#### Memorial Day

*Greater love  
hath no man than  
this, that a  
man lay down  
his life  
for his friends.  
~John 15:13~*



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## FROM THE DESK OF OUR GC

by Grand Chaplain Joe Wames



It's been a few weeks since Easter now and I've been thinking a lot about grace. One of the most famous verses on grace is about our salvation. Ephesians 2:8-9, *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

Grace is the theological thought of undeserved favor or merit. In regard to our salvation, we are not saved because of anything great that we've done or because we are so awesome. The reality is that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. So we cannot save ourselves, nor do we deserve to be saved.

From time to time I ponder this thought that I didn't deserve to be saved and yet by the grace of God salvation came to me. I wasn't saved because I was going to be a pastor and go into the ministry. I wasn't saved because I was going to be a great husband or father or anything like that. I was saved solely by the grace of God and that is because the glory belongs to God alone.

Grace is the gift of God, but it also ensures that we have nothing to boast about. We can't stand up and say, "Wow look at me, I saved myself, I earned heaven." God says, "I love you so much that I sent my Son to die for your sins and because you responded to MY (God's) invitation, salvation has come to you!" What a great God, who doesn't wait for us to be perfect or anything like that, but saves us by His grace and mercy! Blessings brothers and sisters!



Templars often acted as shock troops in Crusader battles, as they were better trained and equipped than other types of fighters. The heavily armored knights on their warhorses would set out to charge at the enemy, ahead of the main Crusader warriors, in an attempt to break opposition lines.

## PROTOCOL PAGE

THIS PAGE WILL SERVE AS A REFRESHER COURSE TO HELP US ALL REMEMBER  
CERTAIN PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES OF THE ORDER

### ADDRESSING ONE ANOTHER

Properly addressing all ranks of the membership is important and shows consideration and respect. It will take some time to learn it all, but learning it should be done as soon as possible. Here's your guide:

**Grand Master** is always addressed verbally as **Grand Master**, without his name. You may use GM as an abbreviation in written form.

**Grand Prior** is always addressed verbally as **Grand Prior**, without his name, regardless of any other positions he may hold, such as a Priory leader. You may use GP as an abbreviation in written form.

**Grand Officers** are always addressed verbally by their Officer title, without their name. Grand Secretary is always addressed as **Grand Secretary**, without their name. You may use GSY as an abbreviation in written form. This is the same for **Grand Turco** (GT) and **Grand Chaplain** (GC).

**Priory Leaders** - Allowing for some familiarity in your own Priory, if John Doe is your Prior, then he should be addressed verbally as **Prior John**. There is no abbreviation for Prior in written form. If he is your Priory's Master Commander, then he should be addressed as **Master Commander John**. You may use MC as an abbreviation in the written word.

When addressing other Priors/Master Commanders in the United States Grand Priory, address them verbally as only **Prior** or **Master Commander** (MC) without his or her first name. *(continued to page 7)*

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**Ranks above Knight** - If a knight holds a rank higher than the rank of knight, the amplifier is used. Knight Lieutenant John Doe would be addressed verbally as **Lieutenant John**. You may use the following abbreviations in written form: Knight Lieutenant (KLT), Knight Captain (KCP), Knight Major (KMJ), Knight Commander (KC)

**Sergeants** - All Sergeant ranks are addressed by using their rank before their name. Sergeant John Doe would be addressed verbally as **Sergeant John**, or Staff Sergeant John, or Sergeant First Class John, or First Sergeant John. You may use the following abbreviations in written form: Sergeant (SGT), Staff Sergeant (SSGT), First Sergeant (1SGT).

**Companion-at-Arms** - CAAs are the only members that are addressed verbally by 'brother' or 'sister' and their first name. CAA Cathy Smith should be addressed as **Sister Cathy**. CAA John Doe should be addressed as **Brother John**.

We know it can be confusing at times, but you will figure it all out very soon. On the following page is a list of the Order leadership.



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## OMSDT LEADERSHIP

Many Order members have chosen to include in their name on BeliefBook the rank they currently hold. For example, Grand Prior Derek Nordio's name reads as 'GP Derek Nordio' on his BeliefBook profile. This does help members when it comes to remembering what rank each member holds.

### ORDER LEADERSHIP

Grand Master (GM)  
Rick Trujillo

Grand Prior (GP)  
Derek Nordio

Grand Secretary (GSY)  
Reneé Nordio

Grand Turcopolier (GT)  
David Bowen

Grand Chaplain (GC)  
Joseph Wames

### PRIORY LEADERSHIP

Priory of King David  
GP Derek Nordio

Priory of Joan of Arc  
GP Derek Nordio

Priory of St. Sebastian  
Prior Bruce Bennett

Priory of the Holy Trinity  
MC David Bowen

Priory of St. Michael the Archangel  
MC Joseph Wames

Priory of St. Luke  
MC Mark Snurr

Priories of St. Evaristus (Asia),  
St. Militiades (Africa) and  
the Grand Priory of Europe  
GP Derek Nordio



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