

# TEMPLAR NEWS - OMSDT

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## OMSDT Calendar

**JUNE 01 DEADLINE FOR  
RENEWAL DUES**

**JUNE 01 ROUND TABLE**

**JUNE 15 ROUND TABLE**

**(BIBLE STUDIES ON SUMMER BREAK)**

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

**J**UNE 1st - IS THE DEADLINE FOR PAYING YOUR YEAR 2023 RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (IF YOU JOINED IN YEAR 2022). IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



There are other Templar Orders that charge into the hundreds to obtain and maintain membership. Although OMSDT does have some operational costs, the Order has intentionally tried to honor the origin of the Poor Knights of Christ by keeping our renewal fee of \$25.00 low and affordable.

If you're having trouble paying, please reach out to your Priory leader. If you joined the Order in year 2023, you do not have to pay a renewal fee.

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**O**MSDT Knights Templar has set aside the second Saturday of every September as our Day of Charitable Service. It may just be June now, but it's never too early to start thinking about ideas.



If you're regionally close to other Priory members, please brainstorm with one another to come up with a project that you all can do together. If you're not close to any members, please come up with a project you can do individually or by inviting friends and family to help you out.

As well as spreading the love of Christ in our communities and making charitable monetary donations, performing works of charitable service is a very important aspect of the purpose of our Order.

Although we encourage charitable service by our members as often as is possible, the second Saturday of every September will be an Order-wide event in which all members will participate.

The second Saturday of every September was chosen based on the information about the International Day of Charity's event, in which people around the world observe the death anniversary of Mother Teresa, which was September 5th. International Day of Charity was created with the intention of inspiring individuals and organizations from all corners of the globe to engage in charitable and volunteer work. This is a mission our Order fully supports.

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Mother Teresa became an emblem of Christian generosity as a result of her work with Calcutta's (renamed Kolkatta in 2001) impoverished people. It made her an instantly recognizable figure around the world.



She passed away on September 5, 1997, at the age of 87. The International Day of Charity was first marked by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.

Since we have a large number of members who are employed, the day of September 5th would likely fall on a day during the work week in several subsequent years, therefore we have chosen the second Saturday of every September as our Order's Day of Charitable Service. Alternatively, if a members' community has an organized event in the month of September that they could become involved, that day would also be most acceptable.

The charitable service or volunteer work may consist of a variety of things, generally works of service that would best serve each members' own community, for a minimum of four hours, if possible.

Here is just one website that offers a variety of service project ideas:

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/community-service-project-ideas>

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

On May 5th, KCP Marc Blaydoe, from the Priory of St. Luke, accepted the appointment to the office of Grand Marshal. His duties

will include acting as our Round Table moderator, following up with Round Table speakers, as well as to help recruit speakers for the Round Tables, post the weekly Roll Call, and monitor our Order chats for conduct and protocol.



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Effective May 29th, Grand Chaplain Joseph Wames will be taking a leave of absence from the Order to take his personal career

in a new direction. After ministering at his church for 10 years, in August he will begin teaching at a Christian school. In the months prior to that, he will be very busy writing the curriculum for his classes. May God bless GC Joe, in his new path. We know the students will be blessed by his teaching. The Order looks forward to seeing GC Joe back in a few months!



## INTERIM MC

With GC Joe Wames' leave of absence, Grand Secretary Renee Nordio will become the Interim Master Commander for the Priory

of St. Michael the Archangel. She will continue in her duties as Grand Secretary and editor of the Templar News - OMSDT newsletter.



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## TEMPLAR ACADEMIE

"CHRIST-FOCUSED IN ALL THAT WE DO"



### JUST A REMINDER THAT . . .

Grand Turco David Bowen is the administrator of the Templar Academie. If you should have any questions about the classwork or problems with logging in or receiving new assignments,

contact GT David by private message on BeliefBook. Once you have been a member for 6 months and have completed the CAA classwork, it is at that time you may be enrolled in the SAA classes. If you have finished your CAA classes and are waiting on your 6-month anniversary, take this time to get to know all the members by posting in BeliefBook or commenting on posts that have been made. Part of being a Templar is brotherhood!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THESE MEMBERS FOR COMPLETING  
ACADÉMIE CLASSWORK

MAY 2023

PAUL AGUILAR (CAA Class)  
NICHOLIS AHIK (SAA Class)  
KENNETH GLOVER (CAA Class)  
KEVIN KUEHN (SAA Class)  
AMANDA MORENO (CAA Class)  
MITCHELL PETERS (CAA Class)  
MICHAEL ST. CLAIR (CAA Class)  
CASEY TRUSTY (CAA Class)



6/18/23

### Father's Day

*And you, fathers, do not  
provoke your children to  
wrath, but bring them up  
in the training and  
admonition of the Lord.*

~Ephesians 6:4~

6/21/23

### First Day of Summer

*It was you who set all  
the boundaries of the  
earth; you made both  
summer and winter.*

~Psalm 74:17~



## FROM THE DESK OF OUR GC

by *Grand Chaplain Joe Wames*



**G**raduation season is upon us. Maybe you'll be attending a graduation ceremony for a child or grandchild, niece or nephew and if it's at a Christian school or college you might hear the speaker share Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." We have cherrypicked this verse to say that God has a plan for all of us, when the original purpose behind this verse was God talking to the nation of Israel. But, I think there is still wisdom in this verse and I do believe that God has a plan for each and every one of us. God has placed a call on each one of our lives.

In a general sense God has given us the Great Commission, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [Matthew 28: 19-20] This is the same call for every believer. We are called to go and share the Gospel, make disciples and teach these new disciples all that we have learned about Jesus. We are to go and to grow.

But, then in a more specific sense, God has called each and every one us to do something, to use our gifts in a specific way to impact the Kingdom. This typically revolves around our vocation. My calling has been to vocational ministry and I felt that call early on in my life. This is one that no one can help you with but God. I can't tell you what your calling is, what it is that God wants you to do in this season of life, but what I do know is that we are called by God to impact the Kingdom.



While secular knights wore hose to show off their shapely calves, fashionably pointed shoes and short tunics, the Templars were not allowed to wear hose of any kind, nor pointed shoes, and their habits were longer than the popular short tunics worn by other knights; short enough to allow maneuverability, but not so short as to be immodest.

## PROTOCOL PAGE

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### CHAIN OF COMMAND

Since the Order maintains a military structure, chain of command is important. Maintaining chain of command discipline helps to cultivate an atmosphere of respect and a better flow of communication. The chain of command is:

- All Priory members; CAAs, members with rank, and Priory officers report/communicate directly to their Priory leader.
- Priory leaders report/communicate directly to the Grand Prior.
- Grand officers report/communicate directly to the Grand Prior.
- Grand Prior reports/communicates directly to the Grand Master.

### DISSEMINATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INFORMATION

When information or a directive is given by a Priory leader, the Grand Prior, or the Grand Master via a post made on Belief Book or in a chat session, the response of *"Read and Understood"* is common protocol that shows acknowledgment that it has been read and understood. This conduct is for all Order members. If a Priory leader shares information or a directive to his Priory members, they should respond with *"Read and Understood"*. If the Grand Prior or the Grand Master shares information or a directive, all members should respond with *"Read and Understood"*.

This simply shows respect for the chain of command and indicates to the person who is sharing the information or directive that it has been read and is understood. If a member does not understand the information or the directive, then the member should make contact through their chain of command to make an inquiry for further explanation.

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### PRIORY OFFICER POSITIONS

**A**s with the United States Grand Priory, each Priory may have members that fill certain officer positions. In order to assume a Priory officer position, a member must be knighted. Officer positions are filled solely\* at the discretion of the Prior or Master Commander of the Priory. It is not necessary that every officer position be filled.

When a member is a Priory officer, that officer title takes precedence over their rank within the Priory. For example, if Knight Captain John Doe is also the Priory Seneschal, he is referred to as Seneschal John. Officer positions can be, but are not limited to:

**Seneschal** - Second in rank in the Priory. Monitors and evaluates operations in the Priory and reports to the Prior or Master Commander. Takes over leadership when the Prior or Master Commander is absent.

**Marshal** - Third in rank in the Priory. Focuses on personnel, maintains Priory records, oversees training and encourages participation.

**Turcopolier** - Fourth in rank in the Priory. Focuses on protocol and military etiquette by keeping all Priory members in line with Templar guidelines.

**Almoner**- Organizes fundraisers or charity events and may act as the Priory Treasurer.

**Chaplain** - Provides the spiritual welfare of the Priory. May field prayer requests or conduct Priory Bible studies. \*Before a Priory Chaplain is appointed, vetting must be done by the Grand Priory's Grand Chaplain.

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