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OMSDT Calendar

JULY 06 ROUND TABLE

JULY 20 ROUND TABLE

ALL ROUND TABLES ARE HELD AT

| 6 PM PACIFIC | 7 PM MOUNTAIN |

| 8 PM CENTRAL | 9 PM EASTERN |

ZOOM LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON BELIEFBOOK.

(BIBLE STUDIES ON SUMMER BREAK)

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 9. 2023

OMSDT ORDER-WIDE DAY OF CHARITABLE SERVICE



07/04/23 U.S. Independence Day

*For you have been called to live in
freedom, my brothers and sisters.
But don't use your freedom to satisfy
your sinful nature. Instead, use your
freedom to serve one another in love.*

~Galatians 5:13~



TEMPLAR ACADEMIE

"CHRIST-FOCUSED IN ALL THAT WE DO"

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THESE MEMBERS FOR COMPLETING
ACADÉMIE CLASSWORK IN THE
MONTH OF JUNE 2023

ARTHUR FRENTZEL (SAA Class)
ROBERT VAZQUEZ (CAA Class)
JAMES SELLERS (CAA Class)



CONGRATULATIONS!

On June 15th, KCP Marc Blaydoe, from the Priory of St. Luke, was promoted to the rank of Master Commander by Grand Prior Derek Nordio. With this promotion, Grand Marshal Marc accepted the appointment to become the Priory Leader for the Priory of the Holy Trinity.



Beginning that day, his membership shifted from the Priory of St. Luke under Master Commander Mark Snurr to his new Priory - Holy Trinity.



GML Marc will be moving from Maryland to North Carolina, a state within the region of the Priory of the Holy Trinity, in mid July. Although his new rank is Master Commander, because he also serves as our Order's Grand Marshal, he will continue to be addressed as GML by all Order members, including his Priory members.

With GML's new position of Priory Leader, he has the full support and confidence of the Grand Master and the Grand Prior. And, from what we've seen, the Priory members are excited for the breath of fresh air that's been infused in the Priory of the Holy Trinity.

Thank you GML for accepting the new position and may God continue to guide you and bless you in all your service to Him and the Order.



The elite of the Templar fighting force was comprised of the group perhaps most readily pictured when we think of the Order; the knights with their white mantles bearing the distinctive red cross over the heart. They would already be expected to be skilled in the arts of war before joining the Order, when they would hand over their secular clothes and be issued with armor, equipment and clothing to wear when not in the field. Each knight would be granted three horses and a squire, whose role would be to assist the knight and to make sure that he was fully equipped and ready to go into battle.

PROTOCOL PAGE

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

ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

We are blessed to have BeliefBook as our Order's own social media platform with which the entire membership can get to know one another and create a true sister/brotherhood. With our own site, we don't have the concern of being marginalized because of our belief systems or be censored or have restrictions placed upon us. Every member on BeliefBook is a member of the Order and we can feel safe being friends with all members.

Participation on BeliefBook goes beyond answering the weekly Roll Call or clicking 'Like' on posts made by other members. Participation means making frequent posts - not just in your own Priory group, but also in the Worldwide Order group. This helps you become familiar to the entire Order membership and by visiting the two groups and reading the posts helps you to know more about your brothers and sisters.

In fact, in most cases, making posts on Belief Book is a requirement before promotions are given. Two posts per week is preferred and will really afford you the opportunity to learn more about all members.

The content of the posts can be varied; a Biblical-type meme you've come across, a scripture that resonates with you, Templar history, or even something of a personal nature, like a child's graduation, your garden, or vacation pictures. Our platform is for us to get to know one another.

Getting to know Order members can be very rewarding. Friendships forged online will only be more fortified if ever there is an opportunity to meet in person. Even if the occasion never arises wherein members can meet in person, all members will surely be edified and enriched by taking the time to get to know the entire Templar family, even if it's just online.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR GC

*July 2023 featured Guest
Column writer,
Monsignor Michael St. Clair*



In 1065, the advocate for the Pope travelled to Constantinople to the great church Hagia Sophia, which, at that time was the Holy Seat of the Ecumenical Patriarch for the Orthodox Church. The advocate came into the church during the Divine Liturgy and threw upon the Holy Altar a Bull written by the Pope to excommunicate the Patriarch of Constantinople because the Patriarch wanted to continue the tradition which had been followed since the formation of the Church, which was that all bishops are equal. The Patriarch wrote a similar edict to excommunicate the Pope. Thereby breaking apart The One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church into what would become known as The Orthodox Church in the East and the Roman Catholic Church in the West. The word “catholic” here meaning ‘complete and universal.’ The Bishops of the church had already started playing politics by the 8th century, when the Roman Pontiff started exerting his agreed upon place of ‘first among equals’ by pushing that he alone was the leader of Christ’s church upon the earth. The Patriarchate Churches of Antioch, Alexandria, Constantinople and Jerusalem did not agree with him.

When we delve into the earliest roots of our noble Order, we see that their first vows were to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. This means they took their first vows to what had become by that time what is known today as The Orthodox Church. Later after King Baldwin of Jerusalem gave them their permanent headquarters inside the Royal Chamber of what was believed to be the ancient site of the Temple of Solomon, Hugh de Payen went with four brothers to Rome to ask the Pope to recognize them as a Holy Order. This means the knights were then recognized by both the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. The first ecumenical act of any Christians that we know of.

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The Roman Church wanted to keep it hidden that the knights went to an Orthodox Bishop first. The Orthodox Church wanted Constantinople to be the center of the Orthodox Church because it was the New Rome, the choice of Constantine for his new capitol, trying to make it as important as Rome.

We, the new Knights of the Temple, fight not on the earthly battlefields, but upon the spiritual ones. We make our own bodies, our own spirits, our own souls the battlefield wherever we happen to be when the battle against the evil one and his minions is engaged. Rome is not the center, Constantinople is not the center, the Body of Christ is the Center. We recognize all our brothers and sisters as equals.

Jerusalem is where Jesus decided He would be crucified. Jerusalem is where Jesus decided He would be buried. Jerusalem is where He would be resurrected. Jerusalem is the place on earth He chose to ascend to Heaven to go to the Father so our salvation would be completed. A small town in a small country, yet the most Holy physical place on earth. Let us carry Jerusalem in our hearts. Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem every day as we go into battle and may the enemy quake in fear, for we carry Jesus with us and we are in Him. Our ancient brothers knew this and by this sign they conquered.



DID YOU KNOW? *Every new Templar was required to meet certain simple requirements: he should be of legitimate birth, free of debt, fit to fight, and unmarried. The Rule's insistence on chastity was so strict that Templars were not even permitted to kiss their female relatives. Some married men joined briefly, but they did not undergo monastic training. However, their wives did not accompany them and since the Rule insisted on chastity, to prevent any bad influence, their sleeping quarters were kept separate from the permanent, celibate Templars.*

Order Certificates

All OMSDT members will eventually receive some sort of certificate that commemorates an achievement during their OMSDT Templar journey; either a Templar Academie class completion certificate or a certificate that reflects a promotion in rank.

Our Order certificates are not mass produced at a print shop. They were designed with much care and thoughtfulness, a collaborative effort between GP Derek Nordio and GSY Reneé Nordio, receiving the approval of GM Rick Trujillo. It is with this same care and thoughtfulness, along with being proud of the receiving member, that they are printed in the Nordio office and mailed out to members.

The CAA class completion certificate is created with a brown flourish graphic that represents the mantle/cloak color that a Companion-at-Arms would wear. Since Sergeants wore a black mantle/cloak, the SAA class completion certificate is created with a black flourish graphic. Academie certificates are printed on white heavy cardstock with the Templar Academie logo featured in the lower left of the certificate.

Rank promotion certificates were also carefully and purposely designed with the appropriate wording for each rank. These certificates feature a wax seal in the lower right with black and white ribbon decorating the upper left corner of the certificate and are printed on parchment-colored heavy cardstock.

All certificates are mailed in a sturdy "DO NOT BEND" envelope. It is our genuine hope that the certificates arrive to members in the same condition as when they leave the Nordio office, would be considered worthy of framing, and a sense of pride would resonate in the member when they open the envelope to reveal the contents.

On the next four pages are photographs that share the process (and love) that goes into producing the certificates for OMSDT members.

Order Certificate Pics



The first certificate a member receives is from the CAA class completion, and features the corner flourishes in a light shade of brown.



Once a member for six months, and with the completion of the SAA classes, a certificate that features the corner flourishes in black is awarded.

Order Certificate Pics



For the rank certificates, the first step is for GSY to personalize the template design in her computer program by inserting the member's name, rank, print it on the parchment-colored cardstock, and add the ribbon embellishment.



The next step is for GP to begin the process of creating the wax seal; first by taking the small wax cubes and melting them using a small votive candle that rests below a plate with a hole cut in it that holds a measuring reservoir with handle.

Order Certificate Pics



After melting the wax, he pours it into a mold sheet and carefully presses the metal seal into the wax. It took a few tries for GP to figure out the correct amount of time the seal should sit in the wax in order to gently remove it to create a clear impression.

"Mistakes" were easily melted to try again. Persistence and patience yielded reward!

You can see the wax cubes in the jar at the bottom of the photo.



After the seal has cooled, it is gently removed from the mold, and it's then time to affix it to the certificate. Round, double-sided 'stickies' are applied to the backside of the wax seal and the protective paper cover is removed, then GP carefully affixes the seal to the certificate.

Order Certificate Pics



The certificate is then handed back to GSY for mailing. First, back to the graphics program to create a specialized mailing label for the recipient.

The photo at left shows four mailings being prepared; heavy-duty mailing envelopes, recipient address labels, return address labels and postage.



The final step; ready for mailing. This is what you can expect to receive in the mail. On the back of the envelope is a tab to pull for easy opening, in hopes that your certificate arrives in good condition.

GP and GSY always take great pleasure when given the chance to mail these out to members.

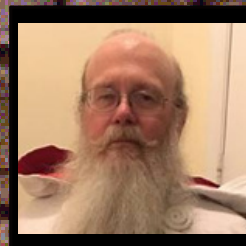
The Order believes wholeheartedly in recognizing the achievements that members make during their Templar journey. And, this is why we take the time, care, and effort to ensure our members feel appreciated and honored by the progress they make in the Academie and in promotions they may receive from their Prior/Master Commander. Keep up the good work, Templars!

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FROM THE DESK
OF OUR GML

Marc Blaydoe



ROUND TABLE SPEAKERS NEEDED - SIGN UP TODAY!

OMSDT Round Tables provide an opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, knowledge, and participation. At each Round Table we feature a guest speaker to share their personal experience as to how GOD works in their life, testimony, scripture, or Templar historical insight. They may share how being a Templar has enriched and helped them to deepen and express their faith.

Each Round Table is approximately one hour in duration. The guest speaker shares his or her story for approximately 20 minutes and the balance of the hour consists of an open session with Q&A. It's an excellent way to experience fellowship with your brothers and sisters and add value to the lives of everyone.

Anyone can be a speaker regardless of rank or title. And those of you who have already participated can always sign up again. We have new members and even if your presentation hasn't changed, the audience has. And the rest of us will not mind hearing it again. Participation makes everything come alive and makes being a Templar a real thing in your life. We know you lead a busy life. We all do too. We also know that unavoidable things come up to prevent attending events sometimes. However, the rewards of participation are high and we encourage you to do what you can.

We still need speakers for the rest of the year. Get involved! Your participation enriches all of us. I look forward to getting to know you better. Please respond to the pinned announcement in the OMSDT Round Table group or contact GML Marc Blaydoe directly with your preferred date.
