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OMSDT CALENDAR

Bible Studies Resume

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

ALL ORDER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. IF YOU'LL BE NEAR OR WANT TO TRAVEL TO STATESVILLE, NC, PLEASE CONTACT GT NICHOLIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED ON BELIEFBOOK FOR THE CEREMONY.

THURS SEP 3 ROUND TABLE

SAT SEP 12

DAY OF CHARITABLE SERVICE

SUN SEPT 13 BIBLE STUDY

THURS SEP 17 ROUND TABLE

SAT SEP 19

HOLY TRINITY INVESTITURE

4 PM LOCAL TIME

SUN SEP 27 BIBLE STUDY

| 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!

CLASS COMPLETIONS ~ AUGUST 2026

(AS REPORTED BY GML MARC BLAYDOE)

CAA CLASSES

ROBERT WILLIAMS
BOYD NIXON
MATTHEW RENALDO
WILLIAM CODY
SIMONE FUENTES
JONATHON MCGLEW
GREG SOWL
JASON MEYER
STEVEN SHERBURNE
THOMAS WHITNEY
MARSEL ROBERGE

CAA CLASSES

SEAN DIGIOVANNI
BRANDON SPICER

SAA CLASSES

AMADEU SANTOS
SAMUEL FISHER
LONNY BARKER
CARL ECKERT
DAVID CRAMER
ZACHARY OSTIGUY
JOSHUA KORHELY

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ARISE A KNIGHT!



On, Saturday, August 8, 2026, the Order was blessed to have two members receive their Accolade of Knighthood from the Priory of St. Helena.

The ceremony was held at the Summer Mills Retreat's Chapel in the Woods in Belton, TX. Prior Amanda Moreno, along with GM Rick Trujillo, Priory Seneschal Nicholas Peters, and Page Heather participated in the official ceremonies.

Prior to the ceremony, a service project was performed by Priory members at the Stonybrook Retirement Home.

A celebratory dinner was enjoyed by attendees after the ceremony at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Temple, TX.

Congratulations to

Sir Shon Foreman (above left), from Texarkana, Texas

Sir James King (bottom left), from Longview, Texas.



LEADERSHIP NEWS



On August 17, 2026, Grand Prior was pleased to announce the promotion of Sir Andy Trasher of Bulgaria to the rank of Master Commander.

MC Andy will be leading the Grand Priory of Europe. Among the varied duties of any Priory leader, MC Andy will field all applications that come in from Europe.

The interest from Europe seems to be expanding this year as we've added a few member members to that Priory.

Congratulations, **MC Andy Trasher**

Some of you may recall from MC Andy's bio when he first joined that he is originally from Marblehead, MA, and has decided to enjoy his retirement years in the country of Bulgaria.

The Order feels blessed to have MC Andy as our boots-on-the-ground to manage the Grand Priory of Europe. Thanks for your dedication to the Order, MC Andy! May God guide you in your new role and may He always watch over and bless you!



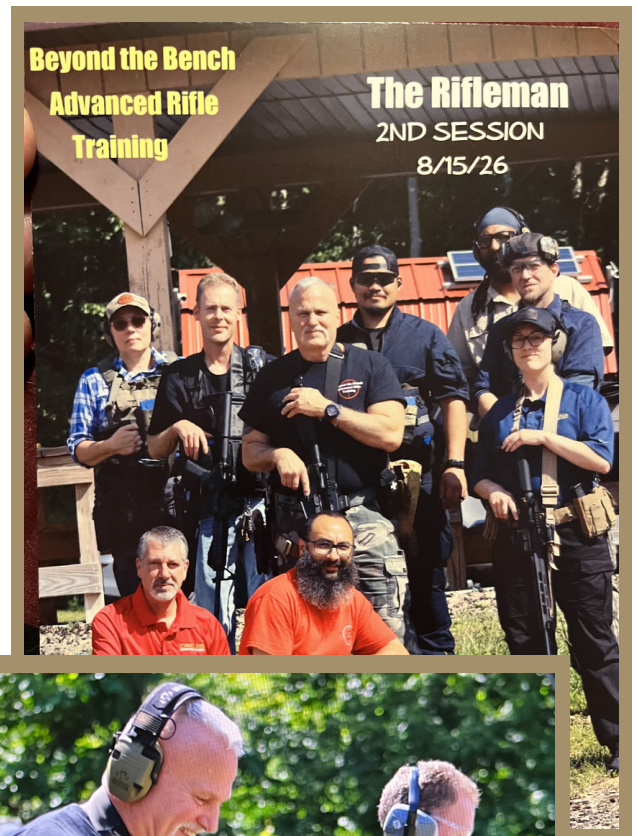
Priory of **ST. MICHAEL** the Archangel

On Saturday, August 15, 2026, Sir Eric Hartman was a participant in an advanced rifle training course that Sir Rich Roller teaches.

GP needed to speak to Sir Eric regarding an unrelated matter and not even aware the two had gotten together, called Sir Eric at the time he was driving home from the class. Sir Eric reported to GP that he had a great time and learned a lot and really enjoyed getting together again with Sir Rich. It's always great to see when members who live close enough are able to spend time together.



Sir Eric Hartman and Sir Rich Roller



Priory of the **HOLY TRINITY**

A few members from the Holy Trinity Priory gathered together for lunch and fellowship on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in Holly Springs, NC.



L to R: SGT Parker Pearsall, GML Marc Blaydoe, Sheila Ahik (wife of GT Nicholis), GT Nicholis Ahik, SGT Bill Mullins, Joli (daughter of SGT Barbie), SGT Barbie LeBrun



As GT Nicholis put it, quoting the opening line of Psalm 133,
"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

FEATURED BELIEFBOOK POST



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What does it truly mean to be a Templar?

It is more than wearing a cross. More than studying history. More than completing classes or earning rank.

To be a Templar is to answer God's call to live with faith, courage, humility, service, and sacrifice. It is a commitment to become more Christ-like each day and to use the gifts God has given us to serve Him, defend truth, encourage others, and love our neighbors.

But no knight was ever meant to stand alone.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

— Proverbs 27:17 (ESV)

That verse is the heart of Christian brotherhood.

When one of us is struggling, another steps in to lift him up. When one has knowledge, he shares it freely. When one grows stronger, he reaches back to help the next brother along the path.

A single sword is useful, but an army of faithful brothers united in Christ is far stronger.

That is why this Order matters.

We are part of something much bigger than ourselves—a community of believers striving to glorify God, grow in our faith, serve our communities, and encourage one another to finish the race well. We are not competitors; we are brothers and sisters walking the same road together. So never hesitate to use your greatest resource—your brotherhood.

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If you have questions about your Templar classes, your studies, your walk with Christ, or anything else related to the Order, please ask. I am always happy to help in any way I can, and I know many of our fellow brothers and sisters feel the same. Someone in this Order has likely faced the same challenge you're facing now.

Lean on one another.
Pray for one another.
Learn from one another.
Encourage one another.

Together, we sharpen one another for the work God has called us to do.

May we continue to build an Order known not only for knowledge and tradition, but for faith, fellowship, servant leadership, and unwavering devotion to Jesus Christ.



SFC

Samuel Fisher

Priory of Calvary Cross
Militia Christi

2026 Conclave Agenda October 10-12

As of the date of the publication of this newsletter, not every detail for the Conclave has been carved in stone, except for the dates and a few locations. All Order members are welcome to attend. A separate Signal chat will be created called "Conclave 2026". If you plan to attend, please let your Priory leader know so you can be sure you're added to that chat. More details to follow soon and will be posted on BeliefBook.

SATURDAY October 10, 2026 Members arrive Casual dinner together between 6-7 pm: location yet to be announced.

SUNDAY October 11, 2026

*Breakfast: Make your own plans.

*Charity Service: 9 am-1 pm (approximately) St. Elizabeth's Casa Familia Emergency Shelter for Women and Children, Santa Fe, NM. After our charity service, we can enjoy lunch together at a location yet to be announced.

*Afternoon: Personal time.

*Evening: 6-7 pm: location yet to be announced.

MONDAY October 12, 2026

*Breakfast: Make your own plans.

*10 am: GM and GP private meeting to finalize ceremony plans.

*Lunch: Make your own plans.

*3:15-5:30: Early Formal Dinner: location yet to be announced.

*5:30-6 pm: Travel to Loretto Chapel.

*6-6:30 pm: Chapel set-up.

*6:30-8 pm: Ceremony and clean up of Loretto Chapel.

*8 pm: Post-Ceremony Late Dinner: location yet to be announced.

TUESDAY October 13, 2026 Return home.

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2026 Conclave Shirts

(Available for
all members)

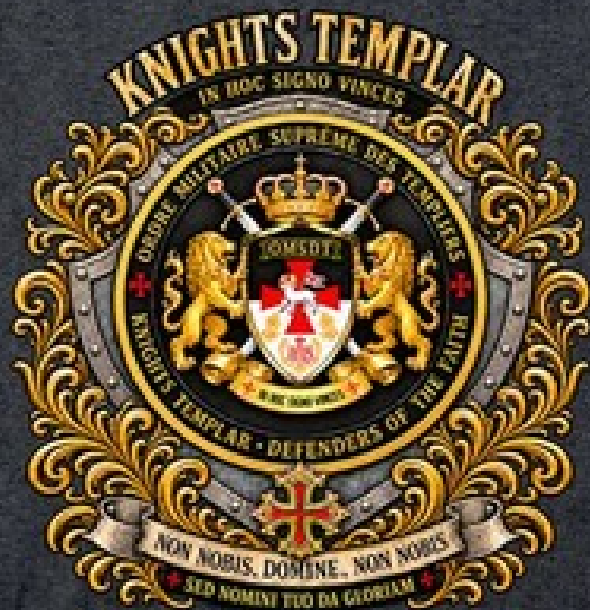
Shirts are available at
our Bonfire store in
several different styles
and a variety of colors.

If you're attending
Conclave, to ensure
delivery before you
depart, order before
September 24!

SHIRT FRONT



SHIRT BACK



OMSDT HAT

A must-have!



Bonfire store link:

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

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KNIGHT GEAR

Available only for members who have been previously knighted or will be knighted at the 2026 Conclave

White Knight Jacket (Windbreaker Style)

ONLY SIZES AVAILABLE NOW

FOR WINDBREAKER ARE 2XL and 3XL

until they are restocked by Vista Prints.

Date of restocking unknown.



White Knight Polo Shirt



Embroidery Info for Jacket and Polo:
OMSDT KNIGHT above cross and
SIR/LADY (name) below cross for knights
OR
GRAND (title and name)
for Grand Officers.

******NOTE******

These two items are available only through Vista Prints and by ordering directly with GP. Send him a pm.

We offer black polo shirts that are available to all members!
To ensure delivery before Conclave, order before September 24!

OMSDT LEADERSHIP

ORDER LEADERSHIP

Grand Master (GM)

*Rick Trujillo

Grand Prior (GP)

*Derek Nordio

Grand Marshal (GML)

Marc Blaydoe

Grand Turco (GT)

Nicholis Ahik

Grand Secretary (GSY)

*Reneé Nordio

PRIORY LEADERSHIP

Priory of Joan of Arc

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

Priory of King David

Grand Secretary (GSY)

Reneé Nordio

Priory of St. Sebastian

Prior Bruce Bennett



*Executive Board Member

PRIORY LEADERSHIP

Priory of St. Helena

Prior Amanda Moreno

Priory of the Holy Trinity

Prior Nicholis Ahik

Priory of St. Michael the Archangel

Master Commander (MC)

Paul Aguilar

Priory of the Calvary Cross

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

Priory of St. Luke

Master Commander (MC)

Joseph DePiero

Priory of St. Miltiades-Africa

Master Commander (MC)

Louis Steyn

Grand Priory of Europe

Master Commander (MC)

Andy Trasher

Priory of St. Evaristus-Asia

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

Priory of St. Romero

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio