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Masonic Knights Templar - Prince Hall Affiliation

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The Commandery of Knights

Templar Chivalric Masonry

A Commandery Knight Templar in the United States confers three orders: the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the Illustrious Order of Malta and the Order of the Templar. The Masonic order of the Templar and Malta are founded upon the tradition of the chivalric order to the knighthood of the middle ages and rite has therefore acquired the title of Chivalric Masonry. When the rival grand lodges of England signed the Act of the Union in 1813, they stipulated that this article is not intended to prevent any lodge or chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Order of Chivalry according to the Constitution of said orders. While this historic pronouncement removed the orders of chivalry from ancient craft masonry, it gives proof of the relationship which had existed between the Christian order and the more universal ancient craft degrees prior to the act of the union.

The commandery of Knights Templar is founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues. The Order of the Malta and the templar are entirely based upon the ethical, moral, and spiritual concepts for a well governed life. In the early history of the rite orders were classed as degrees, while they are conferred as “orders”. Today they are degrees or steps in Chivalric Masonry. Therefore for clarity in this work., they will at times be referred to as degree.

Templar Symbolism

The cross, the emblem of Christianity is the predominant symbol of Christian Masonry. Several forms of the cross are utilized to impart varied lessons to the members. These crosses are displayed on the Templar uniform and upon the banners of the order. The Greek Cross of Red tincture, with equal arms and angles, is one of the oldest crosses that appear in history. Hebrews revered it as a representation of the Almighty. Its symbolic attributes are revealed in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. The White Maltese Cross with deeply notched spread arms has always been associated with the Knights of St. John or the Knights of Malta. The eight points of the arms are emblematic of the beatitudes and the language into which the order was divided. This cross will always be worn as a jewel on the Knights Templar Uniform. The Latin (or Passion) Cross is generally considered to be the form of the cross upon which the Savior of the world was crucified. This cross with the Crown of Victory is conjointly the emblem of the Order. Its symbolic representations are explained in the ceremonies of the Order of the Templar. This cross is worn as the insignia of a Knight Templar and with rays, is the insignia of a Commander or Past Commander, when signing his name as a Templar. A member should prefix the signature with a Latin Cross.

The ritualistic color of the Templar is white. This symbolizes purity as did the vestments of our ancient companions. The altar is not located within the templar asylum, but in the prelates apartment, which adjoins the asylum. The Holy Bible is displayed upon a small pedestal in front of the prelate station in the asylum and as it never closes continually shedding light and divine guidance to all Templars wherever dispersed. The American flag takes it's rightful station in the east where it radiates a hope for a freer nobler and happier humanity.

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AS THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, I MOST HUMBLY SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ENDOWMENT CAPITAL FUND DRIVE. I KNOW FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART THAT YOU MY FELLOW SIR KNIGHTS WILL GO THE LENGTH OF YOUR CABLETOW TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

THERE ARE FOUR LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS FUND, HOWEVER WHATEVER YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE SHALL BE MOST APPRECIATED TO MAKE THIS ENDOWMENT A GREAT SUCCESS.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL HELP SECURE THE FINANCIAL STABILTY OF THIS UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY, INTO THE TWENTY – FIRST CENTURY AND SHALL BE A WAY OF AFFIRMING THE HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ETHOS.

I, QUOTE " BUT WE CAN UNDERSTAND ENOUGH TO REALIZE THAT IF WE PULL TOGETHER , WE CAN PLACE THIS UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY NEARER ITS GOD – GIVEN DESTINE".

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORT. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOU FAMILIES.

YOURS IN KNIGHTLY COURTESTY,

**ARMSTEAD WALKER JOYNER
EMINENT SIR ARMSTEAD WALKER JOYNER , MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**