



Tennessee Knight Templar News

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee – John Calvin Spencer, Grand Commander



Provisional Uniform Demonstrated

Shown is SK Chad Taylor (#9), in Provisional Uniform, with Sword and Belt. The new Provisional Uniform was introduced in last month's news and is an option for those Knights who may not have yet had the opportunity to acquire a full Class A Uniform. We hope this will encourage the Knights to become involved and that it will make it easier for Commanderies to fulfil the requirement of appearing in uniform during every meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in the uniform of your Commandery's choice at Inspections!

Announcement: Knight School

Sir Knights,

As a part of our restoration efforts, the Grand Commandery is introducing the concept of "Knight School" with the hope that some of our Knights who have not previously been engaged in Commandery activities might become interested enough to take an active part in their local Commandery. A typical Knight School session would consist of no more than three thirty-minute modules on such subjects as:

What does it mean to be a Knight?

The History of the Ancient Templars

How Modern Templary is Organized

The Uniforms and Medals of Templary in Tennessee

How to do Proper Sword Work

The Connection between the Ancient and Modern Masonic Templars

These modules are being developed with the aid of several Tennessee

Templars by the Grand Commandery and will be made available to the local commanderies as PowerPoint presentations, on paper, and other formats; or we will even send someone out to your Commandery to teach them. These Knight School sessions can even be used in lieu of your regular monthly business meeting, especially if you don't have enough to open. All we ask is that attendance to these sessions be vigorously promoted within your membership. If your Commandery wants to participate in the Knight School program, please contact SK John Palmer EGCG to find out how to get started. We are also looking for volunteers to assist in the development of Knight School learning modules.

A pilot Knight School will be conducted at DePayens Commandery in Franklin, Tennessee on Monday, September 12, 2022, starting with a meal at 6:00 pm followed by the sessions beginning at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend, wherever your Commandery membership may be. If you plan to bring more than 1 or 2 Knights from your Commandery, please let John Palmer know by contacting him at 615-504-3355 or john.pgm97@gmail.com so we can ensure that we have enough food. There is no charge to attend Knight School.

Mission and Vision of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee

The **Mission** of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee is to provide every Christian Freemason in Tennessee the opportunity and resources to develop, be engaged in, and exemplify a Christian chivalric lifestyle.

Vision

The Knights of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee are a group of men who share the Christian faith, exemplary character, a dedication to excellence and the service of others, and a desire to share the chivalric experience with other Christian Freemasons. Our Knights are actively engaged with one another in accomplishing this goal and in maintaining this standard of lifestyle and behavior.

2022 Commandery Inspection Schedule

Announced below is the schedule for Commandery Inspections for this year. Meals begin one hour before Inspection time listed, and please note that some of the times have been changed. Commanderies listed in the same time slot will be holding joint inspections at the location indicated. All Inspections will be at the Commandery location unless noted. For more information, contact your Recorder, or the Grand Commandery Office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>		<i>Commandery</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday, August 19	7:00 pm	CST	Clarksville 8	Clarksville
Saturday, August 20	12:00 pm	CST	Dickson 41	Dickson
	6:00 pm	CST	DePayens 11	Franklin
Friday, August 26	7:00 pm	EST	Coeur de Lion 9	Knoxville [†]
Saturday, August 27	12:00 pm	EST	Cyprus 23	Maryville
	6:00 pm	EST	Chevalier 21, Campbell Co. 44	Oak Ridge
Friday, September 2	7:00 pm	EST	St. Omer 19, Kingsport 33, Greeneville 43	Kingsport
Saturday, September 3	10:00 am	EST	Carter 37	Elizabethton
	3:00 pm	EST	Watuaga 25	Johnson City
Friday, September 9	7:00 pm	CST	Jackson 13, Paris 16, Union City 29, Lexington 36	Jackson
Saturday, September 10	12:00 pm	CST	Park Avenue 31, Rosemark 39	Memphis
Wednesday, September 14	7:00 pm	CST	Nashville 1	Donelson
Friday, September 16	7:00 pm	EST	Lookout 14, Athens 34	Chattanooga
Saturday, September 24	12:00 pm	CST	Murfreesboro 10, Manchester 40	Murfreesboro
Thursday, September 29	7:00 pm	CST	Baldwin 7	Lebanon
Friday, September 30	7:00 pm	CST	Plateau 38, Cyrene 42	Crossville
Saturday, October 1 (HC)	12:00 pm	CST	Cumberland 26	Cookeville

[†] - Location may be changed to Knoxville Scottish Rite; please check prior to Inspection



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KTEF Awards Grant in Tennessee

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation annually awards what are termed Career Starter Grants which are used to fund eye-related medical research. One such grant in the amount of \$70,000 was awarded in Tennessee, to T.J. Hollingsworth, PhD, of the Hamilton Eye Institute at University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. Dr. Hollingsworth’s research topic is, *Suppression of Chronic Retinal Inflammation to Maintain Visual Function in a Spontaneous Polygenic Mouse Model of Early Onset Inherited Retinal Dystrophy*.

The presentation was made July 15 at the Memphis Scottish Rite Temple; in attendance were a number of the Grand Officers along with several members of the West Tennessee York and Scottish Rite Bodies, including MW Grand Master Robert Waldron, who is RE Southeastern Department Commander and Ill. Joe Harrison 33°, PGM, who SGIG in Tennessee for Scottish Rite.

Tennessee has been awarded a number of grants over the years to researchers at University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University, and we are proud to continue our support of the important work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Tennessee Masons at Maggie Valley

Once again Tennessee Masons made a strong showing at the York Rite Summer Assembly at Maggie Valley. Guest speaker this year was Ill. Jim Cole, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction. Pictured is a group photo of Tennessee Masons; left is a photo of Ill. Jim Cole SGC with SKs John Simmons EGG, Robert Beam VEDGC, Jake Orr of NC Bodies, , and Mike Weems PGC.

