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The Philadelphia Story and 2013 Grand Convent

By Chev. Charles Canning, GOTJ and Chvse Marianne Canning, GOTJ

What happened in Philadelphia could not stay in Philadelphia. There is no doubt that the *Philadelphia Story* will remain in the memories of our Templar members and guests.

The Priory of Philadelphia, assisted by the Priory of the Delaware, hosted the 2013 Grand Convent and Investiture of the Grand Priory of the United States of America. This annual grand event took place from June 5-9 in Philadelphia, known as the *City of Brotherly Love*.



The Grand C&I logo, developed for this occasion, included elements of the Priory's historic Philadelphia background, with Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell superimposed over the flag of our country. The Liberty Bell symbolizes the site of the "resurrection"

of the Priory of Philadelphia in Allentown, where the Bell was preserved during the American Revolution. The Star is reminiscent of our host church, where the Christmas hymn, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, was written.

The Convent was headquartered at the Sheraton Society Hill hotel, located in the heart of Philadelphia's historic district. It provided easy walking distance to Independence Hall, the Constitution Center and other historic sites. The Wednesday evening reception at a nearby restaurant welcomed our attendees.

Thursday offered sightseeing opportunities in Philadelphia or for organizational meetings. The day was highlighted by a gala dinner cruise onboard the *Spirit of Philadelphia* along the Delaware River. The ship sailed past the Old Navy Yard and allowed for memories on seeing the John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier.

Round table discussions took place on Friday morning and rehearsals were held in the afternoon. The day concluded with the Grand Prior's Reception at the hotel. Ten postulants received an orientation to the Order at a special Friday afternoon meeting, which concluded with a vigil that evening.

The "main event" began on Saturday morning, June 8, when the Grand Council meeting of the membership took place

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Sister Martha and the Jerusalem Mite Program

Submitted by Rt. Rev. Chev. Michael D. Henson, KCTJ

The Jerusalem Mite Program supports a variety of Christian humanitarian efforts in the Holy Land including the Bethany Orthodox School, an all-girls academy. The school has begun to teach 11th and 12th grades this year, as a result of Templar donations to the Jerusalem Mite. These grades are required levels for university bound students.



Sister Martha headmistress of Bethany School for girls.

Our gifts provide the much needed stability for the school, as they serve the children and defend against the constant battles of local politics and unfair treatment. Sister Martha, the school's headmistress, shared her joys and challenges of running a Christian school in the Holy Land during our most recent chat with her. She described the recent struggles that the monastery and school are facing.

The Right Rev. Chev. **Michael Henson**, KCTJ and Chvse **Sudie P. Henson**, DCTJ from the Priory of Mount St. Michael currently serve as Grand Assistant Aumoniers, under the leadership of Grand Aumonier **Bernard L. Baisier**, GOTJ. The Hensons had the opportunity to interview Sr. Martha, whose responses provide insight into how things are going at the school.

Henson: I trust our Lord finds you in good health. I know the school has started a new year and that has got to be exciting as you look forward to what God wants to do to and through everyone there.

Sr. Martha: Yes, we have started a new school

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Recruit, Retain and Sustain

By Marston Watson, GOTJ, CMTJ, Deputy Grand Prior – Region VIII

How well are the priories holding on to their members once they are invested into our Order? A recent analysis revealed that the average retention rate of four sample priories for the period ending June 30, 2013 was 49%, with a low of 36% and a high of 84%.

What does it take to hold on to new members, as well as retain those who are motivated to continue their membership after a few years? Two priories, with a retention rate of 84% and 86% respectively, were asked that question. Their answers may help us all understand how to we can apply their success to our own priories.



Recruit

Prior Brian Gray of the Priory of the Christian Soldier feels that knowing how and where to recruit prospective members, with like interests and commitment to a Christian order, is the first step to getting to know how to find people who will join for the right reasons.

Retain

Prior Anthony “Tony” Pasqua of the Priory of St. David of Wales in New England emphasizes the need to create a family atmosphere and love for all members, where everyone is included. “I know how an organization which allows small groups to exclude some members can result in a ‘why do I need this’ attitude. Everyone in our Priory is part of one family, which allows for differing opinions in a civil and loving manner and respects how we care for each other.”



Sustain

The word *sustainable* has become an integral part of our lexicon in this 21st Century, especially with politicians and environmentalists. It refers to our need to not use our resources faster than natural processes can replace them.

Our GPUSA growth and retention depends on how well we appreciate and use our most important resources, by using the talents of our members and recognizing their achievements. The key ingredient of sustaining a successful priory is its ability to focus on the common mission of helping our Christian brothers and sisters at risk, while respecting individual differences in our own member’s opinions and background.



A Word from the Grand Prior



The warm days of Summer pass away and we move into the Fall Season. As a result, we approach that busy time of year for Convents and Investitures in which I hope that each knight and dame will be playing their role in these activities. It is our privilege as members of the Order.

We have the opportunity as Templars to contribute to The Jerusalem Mite Program with our current oblation statement or in the Fall when the Jerusalem Mite campaign letter is sent to all GPUSA members. This is that special opportunity, unique to being a Templar, in which every one of us can participate in bringing help to Christians at risk, particularly in the environs of the Holy Land. A point that cannot be stressed often enough is that it is an elemental part of our pledge as members of the Order, to come to the rescue of those souls who maintain a Christian presence there and brave the dangers of that part of the world.

It matters not how much each of us give, but all should give something and be a part of this great undertaking... as Templars. A list of the many things we do for those who are in need are available from your prior or can be found on the SMOTJ website. If you have not contributed already to this wonderful cause, please watch for the October mailing of the Jerusalem Mite Program and participate.

We are well into that time period when we transfer our administration from the fine services of Grand Administrative Officer Chev. **Michael Burke** and his staff to a wholly new arrangement, announced this year at the Grand Convent in Philadelphia. This change was required as a result of our continued growth and complexity as a vital and expanding Order. We had outgrown our former technical requirements and will have to expect more of

a load to be placed upon priory and grand priory officers in the future.

We have moved into the electronic world of the Internet and "The Cloud." Be sure to ask your prior about the details.

I will be representing the United States as your Grand Prior at the Grand Magisterial Congress to be held in Athens in September. We will be installing a new Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander of the worldwide Order, among other events. I hope to bring back a full report of the significant actions of that event.

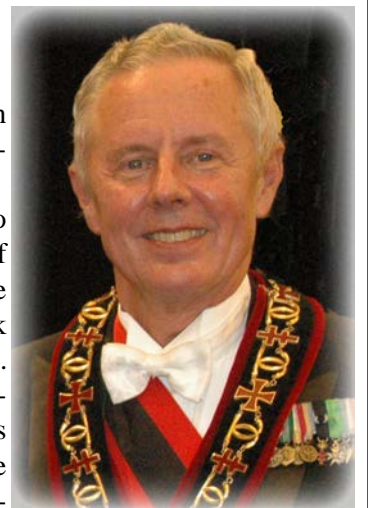
As mentioned in the Spring issue, I will be leading another SMOTJ Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this November. There is still a tiny window of opportunity to sign up for that life-changing adventure, if you feel the calling. I warmly endorse that experience. In addition to seeing the pilgrim sites, we get to meet with many of the Christians who struggle to survive there and who receive our help. Details can be found in our website.

As ever, with gratitude.

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Thomas P. Curtis II, GCTJ, GMTJ

Grand Prior XVIII



Raymond Davis Foundation Awards First Scholarship

CAPT Chev. Keith Larson, GCTJ, GMTJ
Chairman, GEN Raymond G. Davis Templar Foundation, Inc.

The Raymond Davis Templar Foundation, Inc. exists to carry out the charitable activities of the Order. The SMOTJ-GPUSA ExCom asked the Foundation to assume the financial management of the SMOTJ Scholarship program last spring. The Foundation has created a legacy or endowment fund that totals over \$25,000, which it manages on behalf of SMOTJ. The stated policy of the Endowment Fund is to allocate 4% of its assets each year on the charitable activities of the Order.



The Raymond Davis Templar Foundation Board recently approved a contribution of \$1,000 a year to endow a scholarship at the Orthodox School for Girls (Sister Martha) in Bethany. This contribution will bring a total of *forty-six* scholarships in the Holy Land (40 for high and elementary students and 6 for nursing students) that SMOTJ supports.

Please consider naming the Raymond Davis Templar Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or charitable trust. You will be helping to create a lasting legacy. We will invest your gift prudently and ensure the proceeds are put to work funding more student scholarships. Please contact Chairman Keith Larson for more information at RaymondDavisFoundation@smotj.org, or by telephone at (757) 288-8408.



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at the hotel. The Grand Convent & Investiture was held on Saturday afternoon at the historic Church of the Holy Trinity, located on Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square. Once seated in the sanctuary, one's attention is naturally focused on the Holy Land murals painted on the wall of the church chancel.

Attendees and participants were transported by bus between the hotel and the church site. It is interesting to note that, just prior to the opening of the 51st Annual Grand C&I, there was a catastrophic downtown building collapse, just blocks from the church that resulted in the rerouting of traffic. Regardless of the extended time for our bus routes, everyone got to the church and back to the hotel on time.

The Grand C&I was officiated by Grand Prior XVIII **Thomas P. Curtis** and assisted by the other Grand Of-



ficers and dignitaries, including **HRH Princess Elisabeth** and **Metropolitan Theodosius**. The Ceremony was opened by Grand Registrar **David Schorn**, with Grand Piper **David Palladino** leading the procession. Chev. **Alan Moore**, Director of Music, and the Templar Choir provided excellent musical and choral accompaniment to an impressive ceremony. Grand Prior Thomas Curtis led the ceremony after all were seated and declared the Convent open.

Grand Chancellor **By Shields**, Grand Inspector **Patrick Carney**, Grand Secretary **Jean**

Goulka, Prior XIV **David Appleby** and Grand Chaplain **Ted Schneider** assisted Grand Prior Curtis. Deputy Grand Priors **Bob Bateman**, **Tenney Wheatly**, **Ron Bacci**, **Mike**

Berzowski, **Tom Marshall**, Hon. **Edward Butler** and **Marston Watson** joined the Grand Officers in the church sanctuary. Grand Piper **David Palladino** led the ceremonial procession, along with Grand Assistant Crucifer **Marianne Canning**.

The Priory of Philadelphia officers, led by Prior XII **William Haynes**, assisted Grand Sword Bearer **William Barnsdale** in the Accolade, Dubbing and Investiture of the postulants, along with Chief of Protocol **George Hixon** and Sword Bearer **Eugene Leitgeb**. Chev. **Stephen Leishman** from the Priory of the



Delaware filled-in for the Grand Marshal and organized the ceremonial procession efficiently and effectively.

The ten candidates who were invested included Priory of Philadelphia postulants **Spencer Smith Butterwick Jr.**, **Antonio Albert Brogno**, **Regina Maria Brogno**, MAJ **Brian Gregory Fenchak**, LCDR **Winton Edward Hewitt**, **Gerard Anthony Machado**, Psy.D. and **Anthony Joseph Rocca**, Esq. The three postulants from other priories were **Camille Ann Bateman** (Priory of St. Patrick), Capt **Anton Xavier Malkowski** (Priory of the Delaware) and **Ace Romano Rodriguez**, RN (Priory of St. George).

Chevaliers **Russ W. Copping**, GCTJ (St. Bernard de Clairvaux), COL **Larry B. Main**, GCTJ (St. Clair) and CAPT **David M. Schorn**, GCTJ (St. King Charles the Martyr) received the Distinguished Service Award. Chev. **Bernard L. Baisier** (St. Bernard de Clairvaux), Chvse **Marianne S. Canning** (Philadelphia) and LtCol **William H. Haynes** (Philadelphia) were promoted to the rank of Grand Officer (GOTJ). The Hon. Chev. **Edward F. Butler Sr.** (St. Matthew), Chvse **Flora M. Gammon** (St. Andrew), Chvse **Jean M. Goulka** (St. Simon of Cyrene), COL Chev. **Robert McWilliam** (St. John the Baptist) and CWO4 Chev. **Thomas E. Seater** (The Temple Church) were elevated to the highest rank of Grand Croix (GCTJ).

Chev. **Patrick M. Carney**, GCTJ (St. Matthew) and Right Rev. **Theodore F. Schneider**, DD, SCTJ (St. King Charles the Martyr) were admitted to the Order of Merit as Grand Commander (GMTJ), along with CPT Chev. **Valentin J. Blatz V**, GOTJ (St. Norbert) as Commander (CMTJ). CAPT Chev. **George L. Custodi**, GCTJ was admitted as Commander to the Order of Merit at his Priory of St. Vincent C&I on April 13. BG Chev. **John T. Digilio**, GCTJ was admitted as Grand Commander to the Order of Merit at his Priory of St. Patrick C&I on April 27. Chev. **Marston Watson**, GOTJ was admitted as Commander to the Order of Merit at his Priory of St. David of Wales in New England C&I on April 27.

The day's Grand Convent and Investiture ended with a grand banquet, preceded by a festive Italian reception at the hotel. Knights, dames and guests were greeted with band music by Philadelphia's signature *Mummers*, as the doors to the banquet hall opened and a conga line formed and wound through the dining room. The after dinner program included twelve formal toasts and remarks made by Grand Master BG **Patrick E. Rea**, Grand Commander MG **Robert C. G. Disney** and Grand Prior LTC **Thomas P. Curtis, II**. A silent auction took place throughout the evening, which was highlighted by the live auction of a painting of the Al Aqsa Mosque. This is the fifth painting by Chev. **Wilmot Phillips** in his series of Templar-related art.

An ecumenical worship with communion took place on Sunday morning, with a meditation by Grand Chaplain Theodore Schneider. This

service concluded a splendid Grand C&I event.

General Chairman **Chuck Canning** noted, "It was truly gratifying to see everything come together and demonstrated an impressive example of teamwork. After twenty-one months of planning - even with last minute changes, unexpected activities and expenses - we rolled with the punches and pulled everything together."

The Committee met over twenty times, beginning in October 2011. Committee Chairman **Joe Auteri**, Vice-Chairman **Andy Scutti**, Treasurer **Tom Showler**, Secretary Marianne Canning, Prior Bill Haynes, Prior **Lloyd Cavey** of the Priory of Delaware and more than a dozen other committee members can be credited with making this Grand C&I event one of the most successful.

The 2013 Grand C&I Committee targeted registration as the central focus of its efforts, after we returned from the 2012 Grand C&I. We recognized that the first contact that members and guests had at the Grand C&I was at the registration desk. We had to make sure that it came off smoothly.

Prior Cavey did an outstanding job with four training sessions and the efficient arrangement of the registration area. We felt that when members and guests registered, they had to be impressed with the efficiency of the operation. There were virtually no waiting lines. The only activity around the registration area was connected directly with registration. Over twenty Priory of the Delaware members manned five stations.

Chevaliers **Robert Goulka**, GOTJ (St. Norbert) and

Michael Sheary, KCTJ (St. King Charles the Martyr) provided invaluable assistance to the registration team at the Convent. They answered questions, handled requests regarding extra events that were part of the overall registration package and were the troubleshooters for questions and problems that required immediate attention.

Chevaliers Joe Auteri and Andy Scutti raced around to satisfy various needs. They literally were helpful "blurs," as we affectionately referred to them. They were in the background - solving problems, transporting personnel and performing a lot of other unseen activities that made the whole operation professional.

As things became hectic before we left for Philadelphia, Marianne asked me how I thought Pat Carney handled it last year. I e-mailed him, "Your advice, scotch or bourbon?" He wrote back, "I'll see you for a wee dram!"

Overall, we left a good impression, perhaps even a great impression, on everyone and received accolades from many of the Grand Officers. Grand Secretary Jean Goulka worked with us throughout the events and noted, in a post-C&I e-mail, "The entire team is to be congratulated for their herculean efforts...well done! You delivered many splendid events, and kept your cool in the face of adversity. Bless you all! It was a pleasure to work with you, especially your leadership team and the "blurs. I was proud to be accepted as a member of the extended team. Thank you for a wonderful 51st Grand C&I, truly the best one I've attended."



Enjoy photos of the Grand Convent on pgs 22-23.

New Knights and Dame pictured with Grand Prior Tom Curtis. From the Priory of Philadelphia are Spencer Smith Butterwick Jr., Antonio Albert Brogno, Regina Maria Brogno, MAJ Brian Gregory Fenchak, LCDR Winton Edward Hewitt, Gerard Anthony Machado, Psy.D. and Anthony Joseph Rocca, Esq. From other priories were Camille Ann Bateman (Priory of St. Patrick-not in picture), Capt Anton Xavier Malkowski (Priory of the Delaware) and Ace Romano Rodriguez, RN (Priory of St. George).

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year. We are opening for the first time the 12th grade (Tawjihi class). Actually, I took a risk to open the 11th and now the 12th grade because, fortunately, some of these girls' scholarships are funded by YOU!

Henson: Where does funding come from?

Sr. Martha: Tuition covers no more than half of the school's expenses. When people ask where the remainder of the money comes from, I point to the heavens because God is providing through the donations of Christians from all over the world.

Henson: Are there other challenges at the school?

Sr. Martha: Three of our neighbors started illegal constructions. One of the neighbors is touching our roof with his new third floor, the second neighbor started a residential house (of four floors someday), just in front of our windows. Finally, the third neighbor came to announce officially the continuation of a third and fourth floor of an illegal building, without any papers and on the land that was ours and taken away. This last neighbor threatened to take away the rest of our land if we try to stop him.

Henson: What can be done?

Sr. Martha: With regard to this situation, I am unfortunately forced to think about constructions in order to save our land. That would be perhaps the largest project which we welcome anyone to participate in, as well as with finishing the science lab.

Henson: Building more means a bigger strain on the budget to keep your Christian presence in the Holy Land. We know God provides, but it seems almost overwhelming.

Sr. Martha: Now, I am very proud to share, that the very first "donation" came from our children. They happened to be with us at the lunch table when I discussed the situation with the sisters and the archbishop's blessing. The next day they started to sell their toys to their classmates (without us knowing, of course!) and brought the very first 18 shekels (which is about \$4.50 USD). I cried and felt very ashamed about my despair the night before. However, I had to insist on stopping them from selling toys, but to start praying for a sponsor instead. The next miracle happened just a couple of days later, when two businessmen from London offered to at least start the construction!

Henson: Have our contributions helped with your school, given the seemingly large challenges you seem to be facing?

Sr. Martha: It is *absolutely* correct to say that your donations have enabled instructional materials, the new lab and the potential for extra curriculum activities. Even more so, your donations made our situation more stable.

The Hensons indicated that they are honored to support the efforts of Christians such as Sr. Martha, and appreciate the time out she took from her busy day to talk with them. If you would like a copy of the full interview or want to help the Bethany Orthodox School with your Jerusalem Mite gift, please contact the Grand Aumonier at grandaumonier@smotj.org.



The following churches, organizations, and endeavors received donations from the Grand Priory of the United States in 2012:

Anglican Church of Jerusalem & Jordan	\$20,500.00
Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of Jerusalem and Jordan	\$20,000.00
The Franciscan Foundation in the Holy Land	\$30,000.00
Franciscan Family Center in Bethlehem	\$5,000.00
The Orthodox School for Girls in Bethany	\$12,000.00
The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul	\$5,000.00

The Jerusalem Patriarchs

Armenian Patriarch	\$5,000.00
Coptic Patriarch	\$3,000.00
Greek Patriarch	\$5,000.00
Latin Patriarch	\$5,000.00
The Foundation for Relief & Reconciliation in the Middle East	\$25,100.00
Sub-Total	\$135,600.00

Student Scholarships

Anglican High School (Hotel School) in Ramallah	\$9,600.00
College de Frères Jerusalem	\$1,900.00
Lutheran High School in greater Jerusalem	\$6,831.00
Franciscan High School in Ramleh	\$11,700.00
Orthodox School for Girls in Bethany	\$9,000.00

Nurse Scholarships

Bethlehem University (3 students)	\$10,800.00
Arab American University in Jenin (1 student)	\$3,600.00
Zefat Gov. Hospital School of Nursing (1 student)	\$3,600.00
Total Scholarships Awarded	\$57,031.00

TOTAL (Grand Priory Donations) \$192,631.00



GPUSA Priory News

Region I - North Atlantic

COL Chev. Robert J. Bateman, GCTJ, GMTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

It is my pleasure to serve Grand Prior Thomas Curtis in my duties as senior Deputy Grand Prior, with the honor of being a voting member on the GPUSA Executive Committee and on behalf of the seven other regional Deputy Grand Priors. They are non-voting members of the Extended ExCom.

My main message is to remind our Deputy Grand Priors and all priory leaders that they soon will be responsible for taking on many of the administrative duties of GPUSA that our Grand Administrator at Yorke, Burke and Lee, CPA will be relinquishing at the end of this year. I hope to engage our Deputy Grand Priors in a teleconference review of the Personnel Action Processing (PAP) procedures, so that they can train their key priory leaders in these new duties. Region III has been designated to implement these procedures immediately, to work out the details and make recommendations to the ExCom. Some priories in other regions are working on a modified application of these PAP procedures, with the help of their Deputy Grand Prior.

Priory of St. David of Wales in New England (Boston)

BG Chev. Anthony R. Pasqua, GOTJ, Prior III



Grand Prior LTC Thomas P. Curtis II, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at Kings Chapel in Boston on Saturday, April 27. Prior Rev. Chev. David Albert Hockensmith, KCTJ, knights and dames participated in the investiture of Edward Collins Bursk Jr., Susan Regina Byrd Esq.,

Susan Marie Comeau CPA, Charles Anthony Fazio, Keith Robert Fisher Esq., LTC James Howard Kenney II, COL Susan Patricia Luz, Carmel Ann Reed RN, BG James Frederick Reed III and Robin Christine Stone.

The rank of Commandeur (KCTJ/DCTJ) was conferred on Chevaliers Sidney Clifford Jr., Esq., Ronald Erwin Newton (posthumously) and Chvse Helen L. P. Newton. Prior Rev. David Hockensmith was promoted to Grand Officier (GOTJ). The Achievement Medal was presented to Rev. Chev. Leonard P. Hindsley and the Commendation Medal was awarded to Chev. Lewis S. Allen.

The Long and Faithful Service Medal (bronze) was awarded to Chevaliers Lewis Allen, Sidney Clifford Jr., Rev. David Hockensmith, Clark B. Loth, Ronald Newton (posthumously), COL John R. Sherman

Esq. and Richard R. Stanley, as well as Chevaleresse Stephanie D. Hockensmith and Helen L. P. Newton. Chev. Marston Watson, GOTJ (Prior I) was inducted into the Order of Merit as Commandeur (CMTJ).



Grand Prior LTC Thomas P. Curtis II with BG Chev. Anthony R. Pasqua (Prior III) and Rev. Chev. David A Hockensmith (Prior II).

Grand Prior Curtis installed BG Chev. Anthony R. Pasqua, GOTJ as Prior III, along with Dame Kathleen T. Watson, GOTJ, CMTJ (Chancellor), COL Chev. Dennis E. Morgan, KCTJ (Inspector), Chev. David W. Graham Esq., KCTJ (Secretary), Clark B. Loth, KCTJ (Treasurer) and other Priory officers. The evening ended at the Union Club with the formal banquet, which was an elegant affair of fine food and wine. Prior Pasqua pledged to establish the Priory as the best in the Grand Priory. He presented a special plaque of appreciation to Prior II Hockensmith. Grand Prior Curtis spoke on the hardships of Christians at Risk in the Holy Land, ending by showing the Jerusalem Mite DVD.

The Saturday morning activities began with a business meeting with Prior Hockensmith presiding. New officers were elected and appointments announced. Grand Prior Curtis reported on Grand Priory charitable efforts, commending the priory for its scholarship in the Holy Land. He touched on the dramatic changes in the GPU-SA administration procedures in the months to come. A period of instruction and vigil for the ten postulants took place as outlined in the new *Master of Postulants Handbook*, which was orchestrated by Chev. Peter Nee, Master of Postulants. The Grand Prior gave each postulant a mite and a small wooden cross from the Holy Land.

The Priory of St. David of Wales held its second annual St. David's Day banquet on February 27 at the Union Club of Boston. Forty-eight members and guests from across the New England region attended this gala affair. The evening began with a reception in the Lowell Room of the Club, overlooking the Boston Common. It continued into the paneled and gilded Club Ballroom, where each table's centerpiece contained daffodils in honor of the Patron Saint of

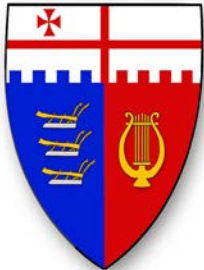
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Wales. Entertainment was provided by the *Sound Investments* a cappella-octet group of the Welsh Choir of Boston, who have performed at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Priory of St. George (Morristown)

Chev. Kenneth M. Kinelski, GOTJ, Prior IV



The Priory of St. George conducted a number of business meetings in the first half of the year, to plan for its assistance at the Grand C&I in Philadelphia. The annual Priory picnic is scheduled for August and later for a change of command within the Priory at its annual C&I on October 5.

The Priory held a Spring dinner at the German Club in Clark, New Jersey to introduce the Templar members to prospective candidates. A number of Priory members attended the Grand C&I in June and furnished flag bearer support. **Ace Romano Rodriquez, RN** was invested at the Grand C&I ceremony.

Prior III **Jerry Price** offered extensive technical and administrative support to the GPUSA team who represent the Knights Templar at the United Nations as part of our NGO status. Also, the Priory provided a scholarship for a student who is attending the hotel school in the Holy Land.

Priory of St. Michael and St. George (New York City)

CDR Chev. John F. V. Cupschalk, GOTJ, Prior XIII



The Priory of St. Michael and St. George held a dinner at the Aleo restaurant in Chelsea for an evening of fellowship and learning. The Rev. Dr. **Deborah Dresser**, Chairman of the Board of The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), was the guest speaker. The AFEDJ is the primary benefactor of the Priory's charitable contributions. The proceeds from the dinner were earmarked for the ministry of this organization to Christians in the Holy Land.

The AFEDJ supports two major hospitals, several schools, 29 parishes and 35 service organizations in Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. They have provided over \$20 million of free medical care, school and infant supplies since 1996, as well as cash gifts to the Episcopal Diocese.



Priory of St. Patrick (Hudson Valley)

BG Chev. Michael H. McBride, GCTJ, GMTJ, Prior IX



Grand Inspector **Patrick M. Carney, GCTJ** presided at the Con-

vent and Investiture at the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Highland Falls, New York on Saturday, April 27. Prior **BG John T. Digilio Jr., GCTJ**, dames and knights participated in the investiture of **George Joseph Kantor, Felix Michael Carcano, Colleen Anne Foley, Andrew Clayton Hopkinson, CW2 Michael Malachy McGarry, Lt Col Daniel Luke McNally, CPT Albert Louis Melin DC, CWO Louis Keith Milgram, LTC Jonathan Wesley McCullough DC, CDR Dennis Michael Reale, John Rinciari, Marco Antonio Rivera and David Hai Warren.**

Chevaliers **CPT Robert G. Coulombe, SFC Edward G. Dunn Jr., LTC James C. Gonyo II, Col David B. Peake and LTC Carl A. Trovato** were promoted to Commandeur (KCTJ). Chevaliers **COL John J. Hassett, CAPT Anthony J. Piscitelli and COL David J. Warager, Esq.** were elevated to Grand Officier (GOTJ).

The Achievement Medal was awarded to Chevaliers **RADM J. Robert Lunney, COL James P. Tierney and Lt Col Robert Black.** Chevaliers **MAJ Elbertus J. Prol and CAPT Frank M. Belinske** received the Commendation Medal. The Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Chevaliers **CAPT Hubert B. Gibbons, COL Howard C. Haider and CH(COL) Edward R. P. Kane.** BG Chev. John T. Digilio Jr. was inducted into the Order of Merit as Grand Commandeur (GMTJ) and **COL Chev. Allen L. Hershman PhD, PsyD** as a companion (OMTJ).

Grand Inspector Carney installed BG Chev. **Michael McBride** as Prior IX and COL Chev. **Howard C. Haider, GOTJ** as Chancellor along with other Priory officers.

The Priory of Saint Patrick awarded the 2012 Military Order of Saint Louis (MOSL) on June 20 to **George C. Daughan, Ph.D.,** author of *1812: The Navy's War*. Daughan received the **Samuel Eliot Morrison** Award for Naval Literature previously for his *If by Sea: The Forging of the American Navy - from the Revolution to the War of 1812*. The Military Order of Saint Louis is awarded annually in recognition of an author's contribution to military or naval literature, or to works which heighten awareness of the plight of *Christians at Risk*.

The priory held its annual security/anti-terrorism seminar at the Paladin Center in Carmel, New York on June 22. The seminar focused on situational awareness and how we, as civilians, must be ever vigilant to our surroundings and the potential threats that exist.

Region II - Mid-Atlantic

*Lt Col Chev. Tenney H. Wheatley Jr, GCTJ, CMTJ
Deputy Grand Prior*

Priory of Philadelphia (Philadelphia)

Lt. Col. Chev. William H. Haynes, GOTJ, Prior XII



The Priory of Philadelphia devoted most of their time organizing and executing a splendid Grand C&I in Philadelphia, since January 1 of this year. Their successful efforts are reported in the lead article of this *Beauséant*.

Priory of the Delaware (Wilmington)

COL Lloyd E. Cavey, GOTJ, Prior XXI

Deputy Grand Prior LtCol **Tenney H. Wheatley, Jr**, GCTJ, CMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington on March 9. Prior COL Chev. **Lloyd E. Cavey, Jr**, GOTJ, dames and knights participated in the investiture of **Anatol Tony Maxwell**. There were no authorized promotions or awards.

Priory of the Holy Isle (Richmond)

Chev. Wilmot H. Phillips, GOTJ, Prior III



Deputy Grand Prior LtCol **Tenney H. Wheatley Jr**, GCTJ, CMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture at the Saint Chrysostom Anglican Church in Richmond on Saturday, April 13. Prior Chev. **Robert M. Davis III**, GOTJ knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Edward Warren Truslow**.

Chevaliers **Thomas E. Brock** and CAPT **Joseph W. Hood Jr. Esq.** were promoted to Grand Officier (GOTJ). The Achievement Medal was awarded to Chevaliers **Robert B. Felty**, **Christopher M. Thomas**, **Marshall S. Thomas**, **Alexander M. Thomas** and Chvse **Janet B. Lockwood**. Chevaliers **David M. Bessinger** and CAPT **Davie S. Cottrell** received the Commendation Medal. The Meritorious Medal was presented to Chvse **Carolyn L. Barkley** and Chev. **Wilmot H. Phillips**. Chevalier **Rob-**



ert M. Davis III was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service Medal (5 years) was presented to Chevaliers CDR **Dean A. Ablowich**, CAPT **Davie S. Cottrell**, **David W. Lowery**, COL **Joseph L. Spruill** and LCDR **Charles L. Stewart**. Lt Col Chev. **Byron A. Adams** received the silver Long and Faithful Service Medal (10 years).

Deputy Grand Prior Wheatley installed Chev. **Wilmot Phillips** as Prior III and Chev. **Robert D. Lockwood**, GOTJ as Chancellor, along with other Priory officers.

Priory of St. James of Jerusalem (Carlisle, Penn.)

Chev. William R. Foote, KTJ, Prior V

Priory of St. King Charles the Martyr (Washington, D.C.)

LtGen Chev. Jack W. Klimp, GOTJ, Prior XVII

Priory of the Monitor and the Merrimack (Norfolk)

CAPT Chev. Brooks O. Boatwright, GOTJ, Prior X

Region III - South Atlantic

CAPT Chev. George L. Custodi, GCTJ, CMTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

Region III is planning to host a joint convent in February or March, 2015. Representatives have been selected from each of the four priories in Region III. The planning committee held its first meeting at the Grand C&I in Philadelphia, to consider proposals for holding the Region III Convent in Greenville, South Carolina or in Savannah, Georgia.

Chev. **Harrell Murray III**, GOTJ and Chvse **Christine Gwinn**, DTJ are gathering information for a cost-comparison between the two locations. A decision will be reached when this information and all other factors are considered. The Convent Planning Committee secretary expects to receive a mailing list from each priory eventually, which will be used to send information, provide registration forms and for other purposes related to the convent.

Priory of the Holy Rood (Georgia/Central Florida)

COL Chev. Robert F. Landin, GOTJ, Prior V

Grand Chancellor COL Chev. **Buren R. Shields III**, LLM, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Briarcliff Baptist Church in Atlanta on March 23. Prior COL Chev. **Robert F. Landin**, GOTJ knights and dames participated in the investiture of CPT **Edd Dean Thomas**, MD. Chev. **Charles Bogle** was promoted to Knight Commander. The Commendation Medal was awarded to COL Chev. **Noel R. Bam-brough**. No other awards or promotions were authorized.

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The Priory of the Holy Rood continues to support the Atlanta USO and has staffed the Hartsfield Airport location on four scheduled occasions during the period January through July. The Priory provides and serves hot food to the military service members and their families, greets the incoming personnel and visits with them as they await their flights.

Priory of St. Thomas á Becket (Raleigh-Durham)

LTC Chev. Rodney H. Allen MD, GOTJ, CMTJ, Prior IX



Grand Secretary Chvse **Jean M. Goulka**, GOTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Shelby, North Carolina on Saturday, April 6. Prior LTC Chev. **Rodney H. Allen MD**, GOTJ, CMTJ, dames and knights participated in the investiture of COL **Kenneth Douglas Watson**.

The Achievement Medal was awarded to Chvse **Cheryl Kay McCaskill** and Chev. **Lonnie F. McCaskill III**. The bronze Long and Faithful Service Medal (5 years) was presented to Chev. **John R. Harman, Jr.** Chevaliers **Junny O. Jackson**, **John K. Kane II** and Chvse **Dorothy Ann Jackson** received the silver Long and Faithful Service Medal (10 years).

Priory of St. Vincent (Columbia)

Chev. Duncan C. Ely, GOTJ, Prior VII



Grand Prior LTC **Thomas P. Curtis II** GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Rutledge Chapel on the Historic Horseshoe of the University of South Carolina at Columbia on Saturday, April 13. Prior Chev. **Duncan C. Ely** GOTJ, knights and dames participated in the investiture of CPT **Matthew John Hayduk**. CAPT Chev. **George L. Custodi** was inducted as Commandeur into the Order of Merit (CMTJ).

The Commendation Medal was presented to Chev. **John B. Heaton**. Chvse **Elizabeth H. Parr** received the bronze Long and Faithful Service Medal (5 years). Chevaliers Maj **Ronald J. T. Beaton**, COL **Chester F. Cotter**, LTC **Gene B. Fee Sr.** and Chvse **Phebe Carey Fee** were awarded the gold Long and Faithful Service Medal (20 years).

Priory of the Temple Church (Orlando)

Chev. Frederic F. Gaines, GOTJ, Prior II

Grand Prior LTC **Thomas P. Curtis II**, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Longwood, Florida on February 9. Prior CWO4 Chev. **Thomas E. Seater**, GOTJ,

knights and dames participated in the investiture of COL **Thomas Scott Fisher**, **Christine Elizabeth Gwinn**, **Donald Elliot Hamilton III**, **Rhonda Faye Hamilton**, LTC **Cecil Ronald Simmons** and **Linda Marie Watson**. The Rev. **Aileen Dianne Pallister Walther**, MDiv, STM was inducted into the Chaplain Corps as Assistant Chaplain (ACTJ).

Chvse **Sara Jane Seater RN** was promoted to Grand Officer (GOTJ). The Achievement Medal was awarded to Chvse **Lucinda Marie Slomkoski**. The Commendation Medal was presented to GySgt Chev. **Charles G. Ross**. The Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Cheveses **Ruth May Gaines** and **Margaret C. Miller**. CWO4 Chev. **Thomas E. Seater** received the Legion of Merit Medal.

Grand Prior Curtis installed Chev. **Frederic F. Gaines** as Prior II and Chev. **Nelson S. Gwinn**, MD as Chancellor, along with other elected and appointed Priory officers.

The Priory of The Temple Church hosted a fund raiser on August 10 for Canon **Andrew White**, the Vicar of Baghdad. Chev. **Craig** and Dame **Teresa Hanson** of the Preceptory of Geoffrey de Charney, who hosted this event, did an outstanding job. Prior Fred Gaines presented a large cardboard check for \$2,160.00 to Canon White, who graciously



Canon Andrew White at August 10 fund raiser.

accepted. He spoke of the conditions that he faced in his ministry of serving Christians and Muslims in Baghdad. His church and clinic turn no one away who needs help.

The Priory is proud to serve its mission of helping Christians in need in the Middle East.

We learned a great deal about Canon White's work in Iraq in the process and some of the problems he and other Christians face there. This was the second time in three years that the Priory of the Temple Church hosted Canon White.

Region IV - Midwest

COL Chev. Renato P. Bacci, Jr., GCTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

Deputy Grand Prior **Ron Bacci** succeeded COL Chev. **Larry Main**, GCTJ in 2012 before he was able to complete his term in this office. Regrettably, Chevalier Bacci announced in August that he is unable to continue his duties as Deputy Grand Prior, as he is involved in a very demanding assignment in the military reserves that he must accommodate. Grand Prior **Thomas Curtis** has decided to reassign the four priories in Region IV to other Deputy Grand

Priors, so that the incoming Grand Prior for 2014-2016 can choose a new Deputy Grand Prior for Region IV, immediately after the close of the 2014 Grand C&I in Pasadena.

The Priory of St. Norbert and the Priory of St. Simon of Cyrene have been added to the duties of MG Chev. **Michael M. Berzowski** Esq., GOTJ, CMTJ as Deputy Grand Prior of Region VI (North Central). Chev. **Thomas K. Marshall** GOTJ, Deputy Grand Prior of Region V (South Central), will handle the responsibilities of the Priory of St. Clair and the Priory of St. Mother Theodore Guerin.

Priory of St. Clair (Detroit)

Rev. Chev. **Darrell A. Neves** DMin, GOTJ, Prior IV



Deputy Grand Prior COL Chev. **Renato P. Bacci** Jr, GCTJ presided at the Convent held at the Colombiere Jesuit Retreat Conference Center in Clarkston, Michigan on March 9. Prior LTC Rev. Chev. **Darrell A. Neves**, DMin, KCTJ, dames and knights witnessed the promotion of Chevaliers LTC **Joseph J. Gabelsberger**, CAPT **Richard L. Lyman** and Chvse LTC

Bernadette M. C. Mikowski to Grand Officer (GOTJ).

The Achievement Medal was presented to Chevaliers **Michael T. Fisher** and **Douglas F. Hegyi** DO. The Commendation Medal was awarded to Chev. **Randolph A. P. Skotarczyk**. The Meritorious Medal was presented to Chevaliers COL Rev. **John P. Schmeling** PhD and COL **Larry B. Main**. Chev. **Emiel Joseph Fabyan**, PhD received the bronze Long and Faithful Service Medal (5 year). The silver Long and Faithful Service Medal (10 years) was awarded to Chevaliers **Dwayne Carver**, LTC **Joseph J. Gabelsberger**, CAPT **Richard L. Lyman**, COL Rev. **John P. Schmeling** PhD, CDR **Robert P. Weingart** and LTC Chvse **Bernadette Mikowski**.

Priory of St. Mother Theodore Guerin (West Lafayette, Indiana)

CAPT Chev. **Charles A. F. Jindrich II**, GOTJ, Prior I

The newly-formed Priory of St. Mother Theodore Guerin hosted its first formal reception for new candidates on March 23, at the historic Woodstock Country Club in Indianapolis. The featured speaker came from the Indiana National Guard, as interest in the Guard is based on the historical connection of St. Mother Theodore Guerin and the religious Order she founded as the Sisters of Providence. They are among the 600 nurses of various religious orders known as *the Nuns of the Battlefield*. This order of caring women was requested by Gov. **Oliver P. Morton** to run the hospital in the State

Capitol in Indianapolis during the American Civil War.

The Priory of St Mother Theodore Guerin wants us to “watch Indiana grow more than corn,” as it celebrates its first anniversary on Oct 27. The Priory, which has increased greatly in numbers, activities and influence, is preparing to invest six postulants at its C&I on September 7. The event will take place at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center at Purdue University followed by a banquet at the Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette.

The Priory has other exciting events planned for 2014. With so many opportunities to care, the Priory heeds the advice of Mother Theodore who stated “*We are not called to do all the good possible, but only that which we can do.*” Exciting times to be a Templar!

Priory of St. Norbert (Chicago)

Chev. **Jeffrey D. Ficaro**, KCTJ, Prior XI



The Priory of St. Norbert hosted a reception on June 15 in honor of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth zu Ysenburg und Büdingen, Royal Patron of OSMTH, at the Metropolitan Club of Chicago in the Sears/Willis Tower. Approximately ninety Knights, Dames and guests attended, including International Grand Master, HE BG **Patrick E. Rea** and Grand Prior XVIII LTC **Thomas P. Curtis II**.

The Priory hosted another successful, ‘barbeque-style’ picnic at the beginning of August. The *Nor-B-Que*, as it has come to be called, is a family-oriented lawn and garden event that is conducted in a very elegant and fun environment. Over forty Knights, Dames and potential postulants spent an enjoyable day together full of conversation and laughs. One of the goodwill functions tied to the Nor-B-Que is collecting school supplies for the less fortunate children in Chicago. Several hundred dollars in school supplies were collected that day and delivered to St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Chicago.

Approximately forty ‘teddy bears’ were delivered through the Priory’s “Teddy Bear” program to children at the Crisis Center of South Suburbia. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is a non-profit community organization in Illinois that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.



Kerri Twietmeyer, who works for the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, with Prior Jeff Ficaro.

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Several members from the Priory of St. Norbert attended an event on August 21, which was hosted by Grand Master Rea in honor of Bishop **Younan**. A reception was held at the Chicago home of Princess **Renate zu Windisch-Graetz**.



I. to r. back row are Prior Jeff Ficaro, Andrew Magliochetti, Grand Prior Austria Ronald Mangum, Grand Prior Tom Curtis and Rev. Smelling. Front row are Grand Master Pat Rea, Chaplain General Bishop Younan, Religious Protector Theodosius and OSMTH IPB Delegate Dr. Jean Ford.

Bishop Younan provided members and guests an update on the progress of the Jordan River Project. On behalf of the Priory of St. Norbert, Prior Jeff Ficaro presented a check to Bishop Younan in the amount of \$2,500 for the project.

The Priory of St. Norbert will be hosting its Convent and Investiture on October 5 at the Dominican Priory in River Forest, Illinois. Seven postulants are slated to be invested and ten deserving Knights and Dames will be recognized for their selfless service to the Order.

Priory of St. Simon of Cyrene (Northeast Illinois)

Hon LTC Chev. John T. Phillips Esq., KCTJ, Prior III

The Priory of St Simon of Cyrene members and their families continue to work every month at a downtown Chicago church, serving meals to the needy and homeless. The Priory members brainstormed ideas at their annual meeting in May to find other projects of Christian service in which they could engage. A Committee is presently in touch with an association of Christian churches, to see if the use of our collective talents can be used to conduct a practical training seminar for the pastors of their churches, which might be of interest to them.

The Priory of St. Simon of Cyrene, as in all priories, has members with varied careers and talents. Giving area pastors information on taxation issues, risk management, first aid, construction and maintenance issues, legal pitfalls, substance abuse issues, banking and monetary issues, to name a few, are topics that most church pastors, especially those who are at the beginning of their calling, know little about. Priory members will be “drafted” to make presentations on these topics when this project is finalized.

The Priory members approved a coat of arms and banner design at the May meeting, which is being redrawn for final approval by the Grand Herald. The design is one

that has elements of the Priory’s history, its Patron Saint and its location. The officers are hopeful that next year’s Grand Convent and Investiture will find us marching behind one of its finest banners in the SMOTJ organization.

Priory members and guests spent a delightful evening in July at the Ravinia Festival Park in Highland Park. They enjoyed a Chicago Symphony performance with noted Chinese pianist Lang Lang, who has been called the “hottest artist on the classical music planet.” It was a fine time of visiting, sampling many dishes and drinking beverages brought by the attendees, as well as listening to an outstanding concert by a great orchestra and amazing soloist.

The Priory St. Simon of Cyrene will again hold its annual Convent and Investiture and change of command at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in West Dundee, Illinois on September 28. It is a beautiful and impressive 1200-plus acre site with varied terrain, where the members are hoping again for good weather so that the ceremonies can be conducted in a wooded glen where the canopy of trees, flowing stream and wildlife sounds experienced last year can be seen, felt and heard by all who attend.

Region V - South Central

SGM Chev. Thomas K. Marshall Sr., GOTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

Marilyn and I have the good fortune to be spending the summer in Yellowstone National Park as Campground Hosts in the Mammoth Hot Springs campground. We realized very early that you do not leave your Templar values at home. We may be where the elk and bison roam and with bears that are not friendly all day. However, opportunities arise frequently that permit us to aid and assist others.

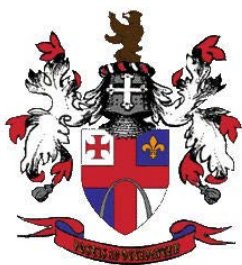
Sometimes, it is the little things that make the big difference such as loaning a cell phone to a stranded motorist so they can make a call for assistance. It may be paying the camping fee of a young hiker who lost his wallet in the back country or giving rides to the village to people who are physically unable to walk there. Sometimes, we give firewood to families with youngsters so that they can more fully enjoy the camping experience. Other times we grocery shop in the village for families who have no means of transportation. Each day presents us with opportunities to exercise our Christian and Templar values.

God has favored us with the opportunity to live here for six months in one of his most spectacular wildernesses. Also, He has challenged us to be good Templar members and set examples for thousands of people who come here from all over the world. We may leave our home for a time, but we are Knights Templar wherever we go.



Prory of St. Louis the Crusader (St. Louis)

Chev. Stephen M. Baldwin, KCTJ, Prior VIII



Grand Secretary Chvse **Jean M. Goulka**, GOTJ presided at the Convent with Awards and Change of Prory Officers held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart at St. Charles, Missouri on Saturday, April 20. Prior Chev. **John D. Avery**, GOTJ, knights and dames witnessed the presenta-

tion of the Achievement Medal to Chevaliers **Arthur W. Stumpf** and **Kendall R. Brune** PhD. Chvse **Margaret E. Avery** and Chev. **Daniel M. Call** received the Commendation Medal. Chevaliers John Avery and **Stephen M. Baldwin** were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service Medal (5 years) was presented to Chevaliers **Joseph E. Fuchs**, **Robert L. Grover**, **David W. Marsek**, **Lloyd V. Murphey**, **Larry A. Carr** and Chvse **Sandra Lee Swift**. Chevaliers COL **William S. Jenks III**, **Gerald R. McCoy** and Chvse **Linda Sue Carr** received the silver Long and Faithful Service Medal (10 years).

Grand Secretary Goulka installed Chev. Stephen Baldwin as Prior VIII and Chev. **Thomas E. Mattingly**, KCTJ as Chancellor, along with other elected and appointed Prory officers.

Prory of the Holy Sepulchre (Louisville)

Chev. Jack M. Holt Jr., KCTJ, Prior II



The Prory of the Holy Sepulchre accomplished a major goal in July on its kicking-off to our teaching program at the Wayside Christian Mission. Wayside runs a homeless shelter hotel for single mothers who are trying to be financially independent. Fellow members worked closely with Wayside's chaplain, Dr. **Michael Blunk**, who will be invested into our Order on October 26.

The Prory just completed three courses on simple household budgets, understanding personal credit (how to obtain, maintain, and clean up), and the three branches of Federal, State, and Local governments. Other classes are scheduled for September.

Two Prory members are in the process of completing the revision our website, to make it more effective in recruiting new members. In addition, we hope to make it secure for the current members and add more pictures to showcase our local charitable efforts. It should be completed by mid-September.

Prory of St. Andrew (Nashville)

LTC Chev. Joel E. Warren, GOTJ, Prior XI



Grand Prior LTC **Thomas P. Curtis II**, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture at St. Charles King & Martyr Anglican Church in Huntsville, Alabama on Saturday, April 20. Prior **Ralph D. Robinson**, GOTJ, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Stephanie Jefcoat Moore**. Chev. **Bruce A. Moore** and Chvse **Rebecca B.**

Moore were promoted to Commandeur (KCTJ/DCTJ).

SSG Chev. **Kenneth W. Fraley Sr.** received the Achievement Medal. The silver Long and Faithful Service Medal (10 years) was presented to Chevaliers CAPT **Dana C. McLendon Jr.**, LTC **Owen Pharr**, Ralph D. Robinson, **Mark T. Wrinkle** and to Chevalereses **Catherine F. Pharr** and **Dana L. Wrinkle**. Chevalereses **Ellen A. Liston**, **Betty Jane Chalfant** and Chev. **Bertram H. Chalfant Jr.** were awarded the gold Long and Faithful Service Medal (20 years).

Grand Prior Curtis installed LTC Chev. **Joel E. Warren**, GOTJ as Prior XI and **Enrico A. Clausi**, GOTJ as Chancellor, along with the other elected and appointed Prory officers. The evening concluded with a fine banquet.

Prory of St. Bernard de Clairvaux (New Orleans)

Chev. Bernard L. Baisier, GOTJ, Prior VI



The Prory of St. Bernard de Clairvaux held its annual April "Fish Fry and Pot Luck" meeting at the home of Chev. **Raymond** and Chvse **Cheryl Egan**, to introduce and welcome Chev. **Blake Coleman**, KTJ who transferred from the Prory of the Holy Rood. The Prory is proud to announce that it will invest four postulants at its C&I on October

12. The Prory's Medal of Courage program for graveley or terminally children, headed by Chev. **Russ Copping**, GCTJ, will present its first medal on this occasion.

The Prory hosted the feast-day celebration of its patron Saint, St. Bernard de Clairvaux on August 18. This well-attended event took place at the home of Chevalier Russ and Chvse **Susan Copping**, which included an array of delicious barbequed meat and condiments. Brother **Ephrem Arce-ment**, OSB, Ph.D. of the Order of St. Benedict discussed the humanistic approach to the intimacy of prayer with God, based on the writings of St. Bernard during this celebration.

Grand Herald Copping received the Distinguished Ser-

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vice Award at the Grand C&I on June 8 in Philadelphia, for his past and continuing work within our Order. The 2016 Grand C & I will be held in the historical and exciting city of New Orleans. Chevaliers Russ Copping, Raymond Egan, **Alan Sheen**, **Robert Ramhofer**, **Ed Runci**, Prior **Bernard Baisier** and Dame **Georgia Baisier** are members of the steering committee, which is finalizing the hotel and investiture ceremony venues. The event will be a memorable and exciting time for those who attend.

Region VI - North Central

MG Chev. Michael M. Berzowski, Esq., GOTJ, CMTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

Region VI comprises a large geographical area, but only has priories in Wisconsin and Minnesota as seen from the reports below. The priories of St. Simon of Cyrene and St. Norbert from Region IV have been added to this Deputy Grand Prior's temporary responsibilities (see Region IV reports).

The priories in Region VI have concentrated their efforts on enhancing participation in the Jerusalem Mite Program, the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and improving member retention. The priors in this Region had been requested to focus on developing a trained and ready organization, which starts out with training officers and key people. This is being accomplished with reading the *Smart Book*, which is online at the SMOTJ website and through on-the-job training. More engaged members are being encouraged to study the *Manual of the Order* as well. There simply is a lot to know.

A wide range of activities are being conducted by the priories as seen from the Priory reports, as well as participation at Grand Priory affairs. At the end of the day, the goal is to be able to say "I made a difference."

Priory of the Holy Grail (Minneapolis)

Chev. Robert J. Fassino, GOTJ, Prior VI



Thanks to the generosity of numerous knights and dames, the Priory of the Holy Grail is undertaking sponsorship of a West Bank nursing student in the name of our late sister, Dame **Marcy Pollmann**, who served as a registered nurse for many years. Our Priory will help complete the five-year nursing education of **Bilal Nader Jamil Khader** at the Arab American University in Jenin, through a partnership with the American Friends organization. Bilal is committed to nursing and providing health care in the Holy Land once his studies are completed.

A new Templar blog site, The Ruddy Cross, has been started. It looks to heighten discussion of the history of the

Knights Templar and the role of our modern Order in the world today. Join the discussion at ruddycross.blogspot.com

The Writer's Guild of the Holy Grail continues to be the yarn that binds the social fabric of our Priory. It acts as a platform for dialog and membership recruitment through monthly meetings, author presentations and "tall dark drafts."

The Priory of the Holy Grail looks forward to other activities this year, as well as extending the fraternal bonds of our Order with you our fellow Templar members. We can be reached on our website at PrioryHolyGrail.org.

Priory of Our Lady of Sorrows of the West (Rochester)

Chev. Richard L. Lasswell, KCTJ, Prior XI



Grand Treasurer **Edward S. Garlock**, GCTJ, GCTJ pre-

sided at the Convent and Investiture at the St. Charles King & Martyr Anglican Church in Huntsville, Alabama on Saturday, April 20. Prior **Kimberly Kay Korstad**, GOTJ, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Roberto Sean Gardiner** and **Tracy Lynn Gar-**

diner. There were no authorized promotions or awards.

Grand Treasurer Garlock installed Chev. **Richard L. Lasswell**, KCTJ as Prior XI and Chvse **Juanita E. Herbst Lasswell**, DCTJ as Chancellor, along with other elected and appointed officers. This event concluded with a Priory banquet.

Priory of St. John the Baptist (Milwaukee)

COL Chev. Robert W. Roth, GOTJ, CMTJ, Prior VIII



Grand Inspector **Patrick M. Carney**, GCTJ, GMTJ pre-

sided at the Convent and Investiture in the Chapel of St. John at the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin on Saturday, March 23. Prior **Robert McWilliam**, GOTJ, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Bronwyn P. Glojek**, **Gary Alvin Glojek**, Esq., **Charlene Anne**

Janeczko-King, DDS, **COL Francis David Schmitz**, Esq., **LTC David William Alderfer** and **Francine Kay Kuchta Zamora**. Rev. Fr. **Richard Roland Daly**, SSC was invested as Assistant Chaplain (ACTJ) in the Chaplain Corps.

Chevaliers **James G. Bacon**, **COL Robert E. Fisch**, **MAJ William A. Reid** and Chvse **Margaret Anne Bacon** were promoted to the rank of Commandeur (KCTJ/DCTJ). Chevalier **Raymond Firth** was elevated to the rank of Grand Officier. Rev. Chev. **David R. Miracle** was admitted to the Chaplains Corp (CTJ).

The Achievement Medal was presented to Cheva-

liers **Paul A. Blatz**, **Brenden E. A. McDaniel**, MAJ William A. Reid, Rev. Chev. David R. Miracle and Chvse **Sonja K. Blatz**. Chvse Margaret Bacon and Chev. **David G. Berger** received the Commendation Medal. SGT Chev. **Robert C. Hunt** was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Grand Inspector Carney installed Chev. **Robert W. Roth**, GOTJ as Prior VIII and Chev. Robert C. Hunt, GOTJ, CMTJ as Chancellor, along with other elected and appointed Priory officers. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious banquet meal following the ceremony.

Region VII - Southwest

Hon. Chev. Edward F. Butler Esq., GCTJ
Deputy Grand Prior

Priory of St. Matthew (San Antonio)

BG Chev. Robert J. Bodisch, GOTJ, Prior IV



Grand Inspector **Patrick M. Carney**, GCTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Houston on Saturday May 4. Prior BG Chev. **Robert J. Bodisch Sr.**, GOTJ, knights and dames participated in the investiture of LTC **Dennis K. Boone**,

Michael Wayne Brazell and **Kevin Colin Dorsey**.

Chevaliers **Randall R. Blanchard** and COL **Kenneth J. Vitucci**, Esq. were promoted to Commandeur (KCTJ). The Achievement Medal was awarded to Chevaliers 1SG **Eugene I. Bauer**, COL **Frank L. Bertone**, **Matthew T. Daniel II**, CPT **Chester L. Matthews**, Esq., BG **Charles A. Miller Jr.** and COL **Kenneth J. Vitucci**, Esq.

St. Matthew preceptories of St. Mark (Austin/San Antonio), St. Luke (Houston) and St. John (Dallas) will celebrate the feast of St. Matthew on September 22. Knights, Dames and guests were sent invitations.

Priory of the Light (Arizona)

Chev. William E. Currie, KCTJ, Prior IV

Priory of the Mountain House of the Lord (Salt Lake City)

Chvse Stephanie A. Argoitia Esq., GOTJ, Prior VII

Region VIII - Pacific

Chev. Marston Watson, GOTJ, CMTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

The priories in Region VIII are buzzing with activities including summer events. This year is also a time for a change of officers and renewed hope for continued growth and increased member participation.

This issue of the Beauséant includes an important mes-

sage from Grand Prior **Thomas Curtis** regarding our obligation to the Jerusalem Mite Program. Approximately one third of our GPUSA members contribute to this vital program which, unfortunately, reflects our Region VIII overall average participation as well. Hopefully, our new priory leaders will embrace the need to increase our active role in this important program in their priory planning process.

Priory of Mount St. Michael (Seattle)

Chev. John James Knierim, KCTJ, Prior V



Grand Prior LTC **Thomas P. Curtis II**, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture at the VFW Keewaydin Clubhouse on Mercer Island, Washington on May 4. Prior CPO Chev. **Roger A. Barnstead**, KTJ, dames and knights participated in the investiture of CW2 **Lawrence Joseph Howard Sr.**

Chevaliers CPO **Roger Barnstead**, **John J. Knierim**, Rt. Rev. **Michael D. Henson**, **Harry W. Nelson** LTC **Lyle A. Simshaw** and Chvse **Sudie P. Henson** were promoted to the rank of Commandeur (KCTJ/DCTJ). The Achievement Medal was presented to Chev. **Harry Nelson** and the Commendation Medal to Chev. **John Knierim**. The Rt. Rev. Chev. **Michael Henson**, Chvse **Sudie Henson** and Chev. Most Rev. **Robert D. Parlotz** EdD received the Meritorious Service Medal. Chev. **Robert J. Kovarik** PhD was awarded the Legion of Merit.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service Medal (5 years) was presented to Chevaliers **Harlan D. McCord**, **Charles D. Morehead**, Sgt Rev. **Raymond L. Morehead**, Most Rev. **Robert Parlotz** and Chvse **Susan I. Grove**. SCPO Chev. **Andrew B. Mendoza** received the silver Long and Faithful Service Medal (10 years).

Grand Prior Curtis installed Chevaliers **John Knierim** as Prior V, **Robert A. Bellito** (Chancellor), **Charles D. Morehead** (Inspector), **Harry Nelson** (Secretary), **Robert A. Bogardus** (Treasurer) and other elected and appointed Priory officers. A splendid buffet and table wine, furnished by members of the Priory of St. Francis, capped the evening's festivities.

Grand Prior Curtis praised Prior Knierim for his generous and warm hospitality, which included the services of two of his sons as bar tenders. He appreciated the gathering of priory officers at an informal Friday night dinner. Deputy Grand Prior **Marston Watson** and Grand Webmaster **Kathleen Watson** attended these festive events, along with Prior **Joy Barnsdale** and members of the Priory of St. Francis.



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Priory of St. Francis (San Francisco)

COL Chvse Elizabeth (Joy) Barnsdale, GOTJ, Prior IX



Ten members of the Priory of St. Francis members attended the Grand C&I in Philadelphia in June. They provided support to the host Priory of Philadelphia and GPUSA as needed. Grand Sword Bearer **Bill Barnsdale** performed his official ceremonial role with great dignity and aplomb.

The Priory held an afternoon social and dinner on Saturday, July 27 at the Pan e Vino Restaurant in Suisun, California. Twenty-two members, guests and five prospective postulants attended. The Mayor of Suisun City joined us for the evening as well. Several of our prospects expressed interest in joining the Order and being invested at the Grand C&I in Pasadena in June 2014.

A number of SMOTJ armory items were made available to members. GPUSA updates were provided and Priory business was discussed. The annual Priory Convent will be held on October 5 in Benicia, California.

Priory of Our Savior (Pasadena)

Right Rev. Chev. Louis V. Carlson, KCTJ, Prior VIII



Grand Treasurer Chev. **Edward S. Garlock**, GCTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel on Saturday, April 27. Prior **Jay A. Richardson**, GOTJ, dames and knights participated in the investiture of SSG **Eric Rommel Franco**, **Susan Marie Porter Griego**, **Michael Richard Lawler Jr.**,

Esq. and **Joshua Adam Singerman**. **Wendell Brooks Phillips III**, Esq. and **Mary Dee Samn Rickards**, Esq. from the Priory of St. Francis were invested as well.

Chevaliers **David Jester** and **Leonard M. Holzworth** were promoted to Grand Officier (GOTJ). The Rev. Canon Chev. **Brian Cox** was promoted to Senior Chaplain (SCTJ). The Right Rev. Chev. **Louis V. Carlson Jr.** received the Commendation Medal. Chev. **David D. Hurford Jr.** was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal.

Grand Treasurer Garlock installed Right Rev. Chev. Louis Carlson as Prior VIII and Chev. **David R. Siler**, KCTJ as Chancellor, along with other elected and appointed Priory officers. There was a "Bar-Be-Cue for the outgoing Prior" party at Prior Carlson's home, to thank Prior Jay Richardson for his two years of service and sacrifice.

The Priory of Our Savior was joined by the Priory of the Christian Soldier for their summer beach party and fund

raiser at the Jonathan Beach Club in Santa Monica on July 27. The weather was "California perfect!" A large turn-out, delicious food, quality cigars and great auction prizes (including a private yacht cruise through Newport Harbor out into the Pacific Ocean) kept the excitement high. All proceeds will go to the charitable works of the two priories.

Priory of the Christian Soldier (San Fernando Valley)

Chev. Brian Gray, KCTJ, Prior II



The Priory of the Christian Soldier continues to expand its support of the Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs (TLCAD) program, which provides support to returning soldiers suffering from traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and related issues. Eight Priory members

showed their support for this program in April at the hugely successful Petco Gala, which generated a large sum of money for the charity. Lily Tomlin was the guest of honor.

The Priory was well represented at the Grand C&I in June with thirteen of our Knights and Dames who attended this event in Philadelphia, including Grand Marshal **Fred Darley**. Many of our members participated in the ceremony in the difficult process of coordinating the procession.

Chevaliers **John Geary**, **Jim Comstock**, **Brian Gray** and Chvse **Kathleen Gray** visited TLCAD's new training center Spirit on July 20 in Vista, California. The **Jack Kushner** Foundation provides a grant of \$30,000 each year for this important endeavor. Our members were privileged to observe new dogs being trained, as well as fully-trained dogs in action. **Fred Gordon**, the administrator of the Jack Kushner Foundation gave an impassioned speech on the important part these custom trained service dogs play in the recovery of wounded veterans.

Several Priory members traveled on July 26 to Camp Pendleton in San Diego as guests of Brigadier General **Vincent A. Coglianesse**. Our purpose was to congratulate the young men and women aged 14 to 17 who had passed the requirements of the strenuous activities needed to become Devil Pups. We took two of our service dogs with us, which are in training for the Marine Corps.

The Priory of the Christian Soldier held a very successful Summer Social with the Priory of Our Savior the following day, which tied into the annual fund raiser of both priories. Chev. John Geary, KCTJ brought the service dog Solar, which was en route to work with a little girl who suffers from autism. The dog will remain with this girl for the rest of its life.

Priory members greeted the Marines 7th Regiment at 29 Palms as they returned from Afghani-

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The Jerusalem Mite and Stalagmites

By Marston Watson, GOTJ, CMTJ, Deputy Grand Prior – Region VIII

A sixteen-year old boy traveled with his parents and younger sister in 1952 from his home in Houston to his soon-to-be home near San Francisco. He was excited to learn that they were going to visit the famous limestone caverns at Carlsbad, New Mexico, especially to see the hundreds of bats fly out from the caves at dusk.

A tour of Carlsbad Caverns exposed him to the wonders of nature with its awesome stalactites and stalagmites. He was curious to know how to tell the difference between these two magnificent creations of some 300 million years ago. The guide explained that *stalagmites* might reach the ceiling and that *stalactites* hold tight to the ceiling. How does this story relate to the Jerusalem Mite?

Perhaps this analogy is a little far-fetched, but how high might our Jerusalem Mite reach with our generous contributions? If a recent analysis of four priories is any indication, we might need

to wait another “300 million years” to see a fully-matured growth in our obligation to support *Christians at Risk* in the Holy Land and Middle East. Only *thirty-six percent* of the Templar members in these sample priories, whose GPUSA oblations were current to June 30, 2013, made a donation to the Jerusalem Mite program (averaging \$170 a member). This calculation does not include the single gift of \$7,000 by one husband-and-wife Templar couple.

Those of you who make an annual gift to the Jerusalem Mite may perhaps have reminded yourselves that you were simply fulfilling your SMOTJ Oath “*to be a faithful Christian Templar*” and “*to grow in generous Christian charity, to assist Christians at risk in the Holy Land and throughout the world. . .*” Why is this obligation to the Jerusalem Mite important in our lives as Christian Templar members?

While the GPUSA Scholarship Program offers much-needed scholarships to educate our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and the Middle East, the Jerusalem Mite provides funds to the Christian churches and charities for the basic necessities of housing, food and clothing to their constituents. Canon Andrew White, who receives a portion of our Jerusalem Mite gifts, reminds us regularly of the extreme danger and potential loss of life that



Stalactites and stalagmites of Carlsbad Caverns.

members of his congregation face every day in their lives. He greatly needs our support, as the prospect of having to close the doors of his church in Baghdad is imminent.

How can we not be moved to help these Christians at Risk when we are so fortunate and they have so little? Many of our Templar members have not yet paid their 2013-2014 GPUSA Oblations. The good news is that we need not wait until the end year to respond to the Jerusalem Mite campaign letter. Our oblation form offers us the opportunity to make our Jerusalem Mite gift immediately. Can we afford as little as \$25 or \$50 or even \$100? Please consider making your donation on your oblation form or send in your gift if you have paid your oblations already.

How high might our Jerusalem Mite donations reach by the end of this year? The answer will appear in the next issue of the *Beauséant*.



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stan. We especially welcomed home one of our own, MGySgt Chev. **Matthew P. Scott**, KTJ.

The main effort of The Priory of The Christian Soldier, in conjunction with members of the Priory of Our Savior, is to prepare for the Grand Convent and Investiture in Pasadena next June. This endeavor is receiving top priority.



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Knights Templar in Portugal

By Lt Col Chev. Edward von Leffern, KCTJ, Priory of the Christian Soldier

The early history of the Knights Templar order in Portugal is the unique creation of a successor organization known as the Order of Christ, which was founded by King Dinis of Portugal. It is this great history and achievements of the Order of Christ and its maritime members that led to Portugal's explorations. The OSMTH Magisterial Council held its Spring meeting at Tomar Castle in Portugal on 20-23 March 2013, which castle was occupied by the Knights Templar at one time.

The Knights Templar managed 9,000 manors and castles in Europe before their loss in 1291 at Acre, including their possessions in the Outremer (Holy Land). They were responsible to the Pope and had the right to collect tithes and sales taxes at fairs. However, the failure of the military orders and conflicts with sovereign rulers, chiefly **Philippe IV** "the Fair" of France (1285-1314), led to a loss of their mission.

The ultimate demise of the Knights Templar in France began when Pope **Clement V** (1305-1314) issues an order (Papal Bull) on 22 November 1307 for the arrest of the Knights Templar and the confiscation of their possessions. He sets out the procedures to prosecute the Knights Templar in 1308 and issues another Papal Bull on August 12 (*Regnans in Coelis*) to convene the Council of Vienne, to discuss the Knights Templar. However, Pope Clement V postpones the opening of the Council of Vienne until 1 October 1311, because the investigation of the Knights Templar was not yet finished.

Pope Clement V issues a *Vox in Excelso* (a voice from on high) on 22 March 1311/12 to disband the Knights Templar and grants the bulk of their property on 2 May 1312 (*ad providam*) to the Knights Hospitallers. He took other steps in 1312 against the Knights Templar, which ultimately led to the painful death of **Jacques DeMolay**, the twenty-third and last Grand Master, who was burned at the stake in front of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris on 18 March 1313/14.

Pope **John XXII** (1316-1334) created the Portuguese Order of Christ in 1319, "largely drawing on Templar property and including many Templar personnel." King **James II** of Aragon (1291-1327), organized the Order of Montesa in 1317 after persuading Pope John XXII to allow him to regroup the Templar properties in Aragon and Valencia and create a new military order. The Pope approved his request on 10 June 1317 and gave it the Cistercian rule.

English king and lords still held appreciable lands in 1338 as did the Knights Hospitallers in Germany. The Dominicans held four Templar houses in Germany and Austria.¹ The most successful of these successor organizations was the Order of Christ.

Templar locations in most of Europe had administrative tasks raising funds and supporting military operations in the

Holy Land, where healthy knights were sent. Iberia was different. The Knights Templar in Portugal established castles from 1128 and were expected to regain lands from the Moors. The Portuguese Grand Master, **Gualdim Pais**, built Tomar



Octagonal chapel, Tomar castle where knights would have been initiated.

castle in 1160 with an octagonal chapel, within which Templar knights were initiated on horseback. This is standard Templar architecture, which is believed to be derived from Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock. This convento structure was the headquarters of the Templars and Order of Christ for nearly 900 years and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Muslims besieged this location in 1190 and conquered two nearby castles before Christian knights drove them back. Grand Master Pais built other castles, as the Knights Templars and other Portuguese nobles fought the Muslims and gradually re-Christianized all of Portugal. [Note: This author visited Tomar, Almoural and Ourem castles and Santa Maria church in Portugal.] That church is considered to be the mother of overseas churches build by the Order of Christ.²

"The knights of the Order of the Temple wore a white cloak stitched with a red cross. The two crosses, the Latin cross symbolizing the religious power of the Order and the greek cross its temporal power, were maintained by its successor, the Portuguese Order of Christ. The coat of arms of the Order of Christ is carved on the tomb of Henry the Navigator."³

Grand Masters were elected in the first century of the Order of Christ. It was uneventful, as military operations against the Moors were in Southern Spain. Pope **Martin V** (1378-1417) named **Henry the Navigator**, son of Portugal's King **Joao**, head of the Order of Christ in 1420. He invested much of the Order's revenues into discovery expeditions, as the Order colonized Madeira, the Canaries, the Azores, and Cape Verde Islands.

The Order of Christ became rich as African goods were traded into Europe. "Prince Henry used the knowledge of astronomy, mathematics, trigonometry and numbers to calculate the position of a ship at sea. Until this had been achieved no sailor could tell with any degree of accuracy the position of a ship at sea." The next governor of

the Order was King **Alphonso's** younger brother as the Order remained associated with the crown until 1826.⁴

Many subsequent Portuguese explorers were associated with the Order of Christ including **Bartolomeu Dias** (ca 1451-1500), whose son was a member of the Order. Dias rounded the Cape of Good Hope in 1488. Another member of the Order of Christ, **Vasco da Gama** (ca1460-1524), established a colony in Calicut, India and was the first European to reach India by sea. **Pedro Álvares Cabral** (ca 1468-ca 1520) discovered Brazil in 1500 and **Martim Afonso de Sousa** (ca. 1500-1571) and **Luís Vaez de Torres** (ca 1565-?) established settlements. These Portuguese explorers were all members of the Order of Christ.

The Order possessed 454 commanderies during the rule of King **Manuel I** "the Fortunate" (1495-1521), with revenues of one and half million (livres) per annum, in Portugal, Africa and the Indies. Manuel's successor, King **João (John) III** (1521-1557), demilitarized the Order of Christ. It became a fully religious order based on St. **Bernard of Clairvaux's** rule.⁵

Queen **Mary I** the Pious or the Mad, Queen of Portugal, Brazil and the Algarves (1777-1816), secularized the Order of Christ in 1789. The Order was closed in 1910 with the abolishment of the monarchy, but was revived in 1917 with President **Bernardino Luís Machado Guimaraes** (1851-1944) of Portugal as its Grand Master. The Order is currently an honorific organization.⁶

This history of the Knights Templar in Portugal and its successor Order of Christ illustrates the tremendous importance that these knights had on defending Christianity against Moorish invaders, as well as being among the first to explore and settle the world.



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GPUSA and Our Community Partners

By Chev. Marston Watson, GOTJ, CMTJ, Grand Editeur

This publication began its nearly nine-year relationship with a family-owned, father-daughter Cerrito Printing for the production and printing of the *Beauséant* in late 2004. Siemons Direct Mailing provided additional services for the final processing before delivering over 1,700 journals to GPUSA members through the United States Post Office at its Oakland, California distribution center.

Personal friendships with the owners and key employees made this editor's job all the more enjoyable. Regrettably, the day came when Siemons moved from Berkeley to another location, too far to continue the close contact that was required. This was not welcome news, with the realization that local direct mailing services were not plentiful.

Divine Providence opened a door that was totally unknown to your editor, which at first brought a little trepidation after having built a relationship of more than six years with Siemons. Suddenly, the realization came to light that Commercial Support Services (CSS) of Contra Costa ARC was a non-profit, community-based operation which relies on the skills of people with "intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and similar conditions."

As one production manager wrote in the CSS brochure, "I was nervous about how CSS would integrate with our employees. To my surprise, they have turned out to be one of the family." Indeed, **Heather Houlihan**, Production Manager for all of the employees with special-needs at CSS, became another friend of our GPUSA family. The key to her success with her employees lies with knowing how to tap into their ability to learn and execute tedious, repetitive jobs with little or no errors. A supervisor is assigned to each station of the job process. How does this work with the needs of preparing the *Beauséant* for mailing?



Working at CSS.

The production begins with receiving and distributing the unfolded journals to individual work stations. The journal is folded first before the next employee applies three tabs on the edges of our publication. Grand Webmaster **Kathy Watson** assembles the mailing list from the GPUSA database, which she provides electronically to CSS. They





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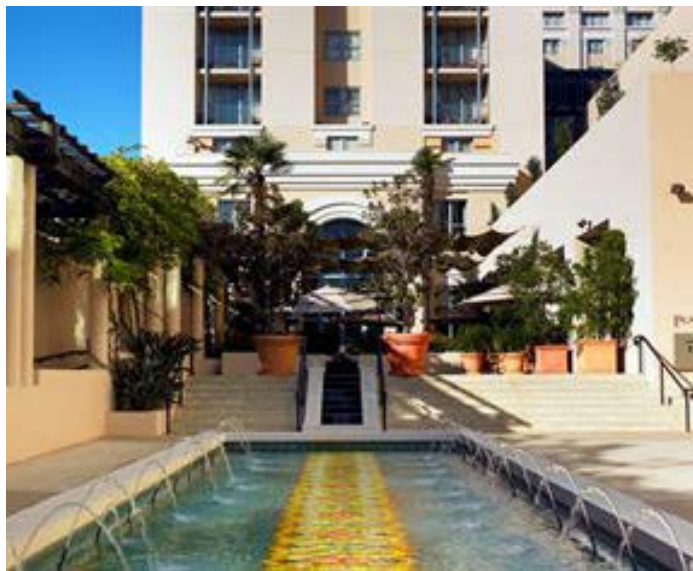
*Chev. David Hurford, Jr., GOTJ, Chairman
Grand Convent Steering Committee*

Have you ever spent New Year's Day watching TV broadcasts of the Rose Parade's amazing flowered floats cruising down iconic Colorado Boulevard, or watching some of the nation's best college football being played at the Rose Bowl? Here is your opportunity to see the City of Roses for yourself in Pasadena, California, the site of GPUSA's 2014 Grand Convent and Investiture.



The Los Angeles-area Pories of Our Savior and The Christian Soldier are proud to host the 52nd Grand C&I at the historic (and air-conditioned!) All Saints Episcopal Church, next door to our hotel headquarters at the elegant Westin Pasadena.

The kickoff for next year's event is the welcome reception with the Grand Executive Committee at the renowned Pacific Asia Museum (across the street from our hotel), where you will enjoy appetizers, beverages, and exclusive access to the galleries. In the days that follow, you will hear the latest news on the Order from GPUSA's leaders and gather ideas for your own priory from your brothers and sisters across the country. Festivities will include the Grand Prior's



Inviting fountain at Westin Pasadena.

Reception at the hotel, and our Grand Banquet following a memorable Grand Convent ceremony at All Saints Church.

In your free time, there is plenty to see and do within walking distance, by hotel shuttle or by car. For example, you can take in the grandeur of the world-famous Huntington Library, home of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" and "Pinkie" and an original Gutenberg Bible, and walk the Botanical Gardens there. Or, you can simply enjoy the great shopping and dining in Old Pasadena, a short walk from the hotel.

Making these arrangements on-line is safe and easy. Log in as a Member at <http://smotj.org> to register for the event, reserve a hotel room or find additional details about the 2014 Grand C&I. Watch for our old-West reminders and updates, coming your way soon. Or use the registration form to the right.



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produce bar-coded labels from the list, which their employees apply to the journal. The production process concludes with sorting and placing the *Beauséant* in the USPO mailing trays for delivery to the USPO Oakland Distribution Center.

How has Heather, a 1993 psychology graduate at the University of California Berkeley (*your editor's alma mater*), built a successful, twenty-year career with CSS? "I really enjoy my job," she says with a broad smile. "Where else can I come to work and be greeted by one or more hugs every day?" How do CSS employees feel about their work environment?

Kimi would tell us that she is "excited to be working here (at CSS). I get to earn my own money and everyone at the plant is so friendly." Tracy, who graduated from CSS to a Wells Fargo Bank position, states in the CSS brochure that "It's giving me an opportunity to socialize and be in an office where they are accepting of someone with a disability. And it's very nice to be accepted."

The decision to bring our business to CSS was based on practical needs for a local mailing service, which in this case is about a mile away from your editor's home. The bonus for GPUSA is that it meets in part our mission to work with non-profit entities for charitable purposes or, in this case, for our business needs. It is rewarding to be part of *this* non-profit, community-based family.



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Templar Registration - Fee Includes:	Grand Convent, Grand Banquet, Grand Prior's Reception, all meetings, welcome package	\$255.00	\$280.00
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Welcome Reception	Hors d'oeuvres, wine/beer, then tour the galleries of the Pacific Asia Museum	\$55.00	\$60.00
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You are encouraged to register early as discounts are being offered as stated above for early registration.

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Oh, my God, I want to love you
Not that I might gain eternal heaven
Nor escape eternal hell
But, Lord, to love you just because
you are my God. Grant me to give to you
And not to count the cost,
To fight for you
And not to mind the wounds,
To labor and to ask for no reward
except the knowledge that I
serve my God. AMEN.

Attributed to Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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