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What Happens in Philadelphia . . .

By Chev. Chuck Canning, GOTJ, General Chair
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What happens (or happened) in Philadelphia should not stay in Philadelphia. It is a city to see and be seen. It is a history that needs to be shared with everyone who comes here. Philadelphia is our national heritage.

There are many points of interest to see before, during or after the 51st Grand Convent and Investiture (June 6-8). There are must-see historical sites and architectural interests, as well as cultural and unique venues. They are all national treasures that will give you an opportunity to develop a better understanding of our American history.

Independence Hall, located on the South side of Chestnut Street, between 5th and 6th streets, is the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. You do not have to risk your “lives, fortunes or sacred honor” to experience one of the greatest events of our young Republic. The Pennsylvania State House, which was finally completed in 1753, became the principal meeting place for the Second Continental Congress. The windows were closed in the blistering summer of 1776, where the fifty-six delegates from the colonies met to craft the Declaration of Independence. Twelve states were represented in 1787, to draft the United States Constitution which united our nation. Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Liberty Bell Center is located at 526 Market Street, just down Liberty Mall from Independence Hall. Archeological remnants from 1790-1800 were exposed when the Liberty Bell Center was excavated on the site of the Presidential Mansion of George Washington and John Adams. There are displays with facts about the Liberty Bell and interpretive panels explaining the significance of the slave quarters.

Professor **Constance McGrieff** describes the Liberty Bell as “the most venerated object in the park, a national icon...it is irreparably damaged. Perhaps that is part of its almost mystical appeal. Like our democracy it is fragile and imperfect, but it has weathered threats, and it has endured.” Admission is free.

National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, (215) 409-6700, seeks to expand awareness and understanding of the United States Constitution. The *Freedom Rising* presentation at the institute’s theater dramatically explains the history of the Constitution and how *We the People* has expanded over time. The main exhibit hall presents a chronology of constitutional history through artifacts, original documents and interactive exhibits. You can hang out with the original signers in the “Signers Hall” or have your picture taken with one or all of the thirty-nine, now memorialized life-size bronze statues. Learn how you can participate in a key Supreme Court case, don judicial robes and debate Justice John Roberts’ decision on Obama Care or take a stand on the Second Amendment.

Arch Street Friends Meeting House, located at 5th and Arch Streets, is the oldest meetinghouse of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) (Quakers) still in use in the [United States](#). Pennsylvania founder and Quaker [William Penn](#) donated the land to the Society in 1693 as a burial ground for members. The meetinghouse was built between 1803 and 1805 atop the graveyard and then enlarged in 1811, when the west wing was added to accommodate the Women’s Monthly Meeting. The original east wing now houses exhibits on the life of Penn, and the west wing is used for meetings for worship.

Gloria Dei Old Swedes’

Church, located at Columbia Blvd. & Christian Street (916 S. Swanson St.), is one of the eight Old Swedes Churches of New Sweden. You will marvel at its quaint architecture, carved cherub and 17th Century model sailing ships suspended from the ceiling over the main aisle. Gloria Dei’s roots are traced back to 1646 and to the distinguished missionary, **Johannes Campanius**, who translated Martin Luther’s *Small Catechism*. The present church, which was remodeled in 1999, is the oldest church in Pennsylvania.

Valley Forge National Historical Park is only 18 miles West of Philadelphia by car or public transportation. This National Park reflects the heroic struggle of the Continental Army and their survival in the winter of 1777-78. It was here that 12,000 of



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RADM Chev. Andrew P. O'Rourke, GCTJ, GMTJ* Grand Prior XII (1933-2013)



From Hell's Kitchen to flag rank might well describe the life experiences of RADM Chev. **Andrew Patrick O'Rourke, GCTJ, GMTJ.** Andy, as he is best known to his Templar brothers and sisters, died in the Bronx on Thursday night, January 3. He was 79 years old. His death at Calvary Hospital resulted from complications of cancer. Andy, who had

been treated for Parkinson's disease as well, lived in Yorktown.

When Grand Prior XII O'Rourke was growing up in New York City's Hell's Kitchen, it resembled more the rough and tumble days described by **Damon Runyan** than the West Side of Manhattan of today. Even so, he was one of the original radio "Whiz Kids" before he attended Fordham University on a Hayden Science Award scholarship.

Andy is described in his obituary as ruddy-faced and silver-haired man, who brought a witty, bantering manner to his performance in government as well as to the campaign trail when he agreed to take on the all-but-hopeless task of unseating Governor Cuomo. He laughed off its seeming futility, saying, "They told Goliath: 'Don't worry. It's only a kid out there.'"

Andrew Patrick O'Rourke was born in Plainfield, New Jersey on October 26, 1933, the youngest of five children. His father, a doctor, died of tuberculosis when Andy was not yet 2. Eight years later, his mother became blind. The family had to subsist on welfare, a point that Andy often mentioned in defending Westchester County's welfare program, even as he required recipients to work for their benefits.

Andy delivered fish and worked as an usher in the Paramount Theater on Times Square, after the family moved to the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in Manhattan in the 1940s. He was a child actor, appearing briefly on Broadway and regularly as a guest on a coast-to-coast radio children's quiz show.

Andy graduated from the Civil Air Patrol to join New York's famed Fighting Sixty-Ninth National Guard Regiment. However, he was sent home after serving two years in the regiment because he was underage. The former private Andy O'Rourke was recognized by the Secretary of the Army as a distinguished member of the 69th Regiment of New York.

Andy trained as an Air Force bombardier and navigator after he graduated from Fordham University. He received a law degree from Fordham and went into private law practice in Yonkers. Entering Yonkers politics, he served on the Yon-

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A Word from the Grand Prior

The year Anno Domini 2013 opens with many things to look forward to, as Templars. Of particular note, we have a Grand Convent coming up, which will be held in Philadelphia this

year in June. It is a singular opportunity to explore one of the great cities of our nation's founding. I recommend you think in terms of an extra day or two, just to see the sights: Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, The Liberty Bell, the whole atmosphere which will carry you back to those momentous times.

Beyond that, this is the special chance to share important information with each other at our round table discussions and at our Grand Council meeting on Saturday, June 8. It is to be hoped that as many priory members as possible will attend for this reason. Certainly, the prior and chancellor of each priory should be there. A national meeting such as this is the key to a successful year, both at the priory and Grand Priory levels. I look forward to seeing you there. If you can join us, please get in your registration as soon as possible (if you have not already done so).

I head off to Tomar, Portugal, in March. I will be acting as your representative there at a meeting of all the Grand Priors in the Grand Magistral Council of the OSMTH. Among other things, we will be looking at the huge old Templar castle in Tomar. Some of the grand priorities would like to use it as a central location for world-wide Templar activity. I suspect that this may not come about but we will be there to see it, just the same. We do not want to have to tie up significant money in stones and mortar when it could be used to support Christians in very real need.

Also, we will be electing a new Grand Commander (the chief executive officer of the OSMTH) in Tomar. The pres-

ent Grand Commander, our own Grand Prior XV MG Chev. **Robert Disney**, will be stepping down this year and we will need a replacement. I will present a more complete report at our Grand Council meeting in Philadelphia this June.

Let me close with two reminders:

Please contribute to the Jerusalem Mite program if you have not done so already. As you know, it is the way in which we bring so much needed support to Christians in the Holy Land...and is one of the unique blessings of being a member of our Grand Priory.

Once again, we will be making a Templar pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November. This is truly one of the greatest experiences one can ever have! Just ask those of us who has done it! Come join us if you can!

As ever, with gratitude,
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Thomas P. Curtis II, GCTJ, GMTJ
Grand Prior XVIII



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kers City Council and Westchester County's Board of Legislators before he was appointed County Executive in 1983.

Andy had the second-longest tenure of any Westchester County executive. (1983-1997). While in office, he built a new county jail, a recycling plant and a new airport terminal, reopened Rye Playland as a county amusement park, required that welfare recipients go to work to earn their benefits and presided over the building of permanent shelters for the homeless.

Andy pursued a side vocation writing adventure fiction, including the novels *The Red Banner Mutiny*, based on a 1975 insurrection aboard a Soviet destroyer, and *Hawwood*, about a soldier of fortune. He wound down his career as the senior State Supreme Court justice for Putnam County.

Andy O'Rourke was invited to join the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem in 1994, soon after he met Chevalier **F. Daniel Coleman**, Prior V. Although Chev. O'Rourke was invested into the Priory of St. King Charles the Martyr, he was requested by Prior **James Carey**, to form a commandery in New York's Hudson Valley, where he became Commander and then Prior I from 1995 to 1998. Andy O'Rourke served as Grand Chan-

cellor under Grand Prior XI, COL Chev. **Stewart Boone McCarty**, GCTJ, GMTJ and was installed as Grand Prior XII in 2000.

Grand Prior O'Rourke decided to reconstitute the Military Order of Saint Louis as a Templar decoration. The medal bears a Templar Cross on the reverse and is awarded annually by the Priory of St. Patrick. It is presented to deserving individuals in recognition their contribution to military and naval literature, and/or to works which heighten an awareness of the plight of Christians at Risk.

Andy's marriage to the former **Alice T. McKenna**, who died in 2011, ended in divorce. He is survived by his wife, Flora Lowe, three children from his first marriage (**Alice**, **Aileen** and **Andrew Jr.**) and six grandchildren.

*CAPT Chev. **William "Liam" Murphy III**, GCTJ, GMTJ of the Priory of St. Patrick and **Joseph Berger** of the New York Times (O'Rourke obituary, Jan. 4, 2013) contributed to this article.



GPUSA 2013 Scholarship Program

By LTC Chev. Thomas P. Curtis, GCTJ, GMTJ, Grand Prior XVIII

The SMOTJ-GPUSA Scholarship Program was developed out of an initial offering of two high school scholarships in the Holy Land in honor of Grand Prior Wayne McGrath in the summer of 2010. Currently, the Grand Priory is supporting 34 high school children and five university nursing students in the Holy Land. Providing financial support for scholarships to students in the Holy Land and elsewhere has become a critical component of our mission to protect Christians at risk. The support and enthusiasm for the program was so overwhelming positive that it expanded faster than envisioned. As a result, steps are being taken to establish an internal organization that can efficiently manage the program, and thus ensure its continued expansion.

Proclamation 2013-1

Effective this date the SMOTJ-GPUSA Scholarship Program is implemented. Full presentation is put forth in the attached draft appendix, Appendix U, to the Manual of the Order and defines how this program is intended to function. The procedures therein are also effective immediately, to include the movement of the financial management of all scholarships to the General Raymond G. Davis Foundation, Inc. ("RDF"), our 501 (c) (3) charitable entity. Funds for all new or existing scholarships must now be sent to RDF which has the following address:

SMOTJ Scholarship Fund
General Raymond Davis Foundation, Inc.
1400 Kempsville Road, #110 PMB #4
Chesapeake, VA 23320

The Primary Action Officer for the SMOTJ-GPUSA Scholarship Program is the Grand Aumonier who will be assisted by the Grand Secretary. This appendix is now posted on the website for your review and discussion. Comments and suggestions are encouraged and should be submitted to the Grand

Aumonier at: GrandAumonier@SMOTJ.org with an info copy to GrandSecretary@smotj.org prior to 15 April 2013. The final version of this Appendix will be posted on the website no later than 8 May 2013 and be voted on by the membership at the Grand Convent in Philadelphia on June 8, 2013.

Signed this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord 2013.



Thomas P. Curtis II, GCTJ, GMTJ
Grand Prior XVIII

Providing financial support for scholarships to students in the Holy Land and elsewhere has become a critical component of our mission to protect Christians at risk.

The General Raymond G. Davis Templar Foundation

By CAPT Chev. Keith Larson, GCTJ, GMTJ
Grand Prior XVII



The General Raymond G. Davis Templar Foundation, Inc. (*Templar Foundation*) Board of Directors elected Grand Prior **Keith Larson** to serve as board chairman. His election took place in June at the Grand Convent and Investiture in San Antonio.

LTC Chev. **Thomas Pelham Curtis**, GCTJ, GMTJ became vice-chairman as the sitting Grand Prior, in accordance with the foundation's by-laws.

The Templar Foundation is the 501 (c) (3) arm of GPUSA and was created to enable our knights and dames to endow the work of the GPUSA through a legacy gift or as part of their estate plan.

Chairman Larson developed and expanded the Order's Holy Land Scholarship Program as Grand Prior. Chairman Larson proposed to Grand Prior Curtis and his EXCOM that the administrative funding of the scholarships be moved from the Grand Priory to the Templar Foundation. Those priories or individuals who wish to sponsor a student in the Holy Land will continue to remit their contributions to the Jerusalem Mite Scholarship Program.

Once these scholarship funds are received at the GPUSA headquarters, they will be transferred to the Templar Foundation pending actual delivery to the respective schools in the Holy Land and elsewhere. These earmarked funds can be delivered directly to the schools, as they do not have to pass through a 501 (c) (3) partner, inasmuch as the Templar Foundation is an IRS recognized 501 (c) (3) entity. This makes our charitable works transparent to our knights and dames and to the organizations receiving our gifts.

GPUSA and the Templar Foundation established an agreement that designates these funds as encumbered. They will be used only for the specific scholarships for which they were raised. They cannot be diverted or used for any other purpose. It is hoped that by assigning the Scholarship Program to the Templar Foundation's administration, members will be encouraged to make gifts to the foundation as part of their estate planning. This will allow for further expansion of the Scholarship Program.

The topic of creating a legacy gift within your estate will be further explored in future issues of the *Beauséant*. One does not have to be wealthy to be able to make such a gift. Stay tuned.

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GPUSA Priory News

Region I - North Atlantic

COL Chev. Robert J. Bateman, GCTJ, GMTJ
Deputy Grand Prior

Region I remains active and progressive with its many activities. All of the four priories (St. Michael and St. George, St. George, St. Patrick and St. David of Wales in New England) have submitted their 2012 annual reports to the Grand Inspector. They are all well prepared for the orderly transition of leadership to newly elected priors, selected chancellors and remaining elected priory officers for the ensuing term.

Also, each of the priories continues their active charitable outreach to the many local and international organizations they have elected to support. They remain very supportive of the Jerusalem Mite and the various educational scholarships, as well as to Christians at Risk in the Holy Land. The Priory of St. Patrick has been recognized officially by branches of the United States military and the New York Army National Guard for its outstanding support to the Warrior Home Front Project that looks to combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Prior **John Digilio** and a few other knights from the Priory of St. Patrick participated in the OSMTH-I GMC meeting at Helsinki last September. I continue to attend select meetings in New York City as the OSMTH-I Head of Delegation to the United Nations, which has been recognized as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

All of Region I priories are committed to assisting each other by encouraging knights, dames and companions to attend the Convents and Investitures of the priories in the region. We continue to stress the significance and spiritual value of going on a GPUSA-sponsored Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, especially for those knights and dames who have not done so already.

Over twenty-five Region I knights and dames attended last year's Grand (50th Anniversary) C&I at San Antonio. We look forward to increasing the number of Templar members who plan to attend the Grand C&I in Philadelphia this June. I personally look forward to being there, as my wife Camille has chosen to be invested as Dame of our Order at that time.

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

Rev. Chev. David A. Hockensmith, KCTJ, Prior II



A business meeting and convent took place at the Hope Club in Providence, RI on 3 November 2012. Aside from the usual committee reports there was a beautiful pastoral service held in remembrance of the dearly departed wives of our fellow knights Chev. **Anthony Pasqua**, GOTJ and Chev. **John Sherman**, KCTJ as well as the mothers of Chev. **Paul Henry**, KCTJ and Chev. **Peter Nee**, KCTJ.

During the luncheon, knights and dames enjoyed a Templar history presentation from Rev'd Father Chev. Leonard Hindsley, CTJ.

Priory of St. George (Morristown)

Chev. Kenneth M. Kinelski, GOTJ, Prior IV



Deputy Grand Prior COL Chev. **Robert J. Bateman** GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown, New Jersey on October 13. Prior **Kenneth Kinelski**, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Robert James Kacsmar** and **Marilyn Dobbin Kinelski**.

Chvse. **Johnnie Melinda Walker** was promoted to Commandeur (DCTJ). Chvse **Florence Pisacano** and Chev. **Imre Szabo** (GOTJ) were elevated to the rank of Grand Officer (GOTJ). The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was awarded to Chevaliers **George Albert Pisacano Jr.**, **Jerry L. Price** and Chvse. Johnnie Melinda Walke. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Chev. Imre Szabo and Chvse. **Florence Pisacano**. Chev. **Alan G. Moore** received a gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years).

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

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



Grand Prior XVI COL **Wayne J. McGrath** GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) in New York City on November 10. Prior **John Cupschalk**, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Milos Duma Dumic** and **Gary Lyle Dycus**.

Chev. **Stephen Joseph Storen** was promoted to the rank of Grand Officer (GOTJ). The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was awarded to Chevaliers **William Michael Margolin**, Rev. **Thomas F. Pike** and **Victor Harold DuPont**. The gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years) was presented to Chevaliers **John Mauk Hilliard** and **Michael Harrison Charles**.

Nearly fifty people attended a formal dinner dance at the famed Four Seasons Restaurant in New York City. **Anne Lynn**, Executive Director of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, accepted a charitable gift from the generous donations of the Priory members at the banquet. Grand Prior McGrath addressed the group.

Priory Chaplain, Rev. Chev. **Thomas Pike**, ACTJ, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on December 21, during Mass at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. It took place on



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the Patronal Feast of the parish, in celebration of this remarkable achievement in the life of his vocation.

Priory of St. Patrick (Hudson Valley)

BG Chev. John T. Digilio Jr., GCTJ, Prior VIII



The Priory of St Patrick held its annual Military Order of St Louis Award program in last fall. The medal was awarded to distinguished author **George C. Daughan**, Ph.D., in recognition of his contributions to military and naval literature, for his book on 1812: *The Navy's War*. Illness prevented him from receiving the medal in person. This award recognizes the contributions made to military/naval literature, and/or to works which heighten awareness of the plight of "Christians at Risk," particularly in the Holy Land/Terra Santa.

Dr. Daughan's book tells the heroic story of battle-tested American commanders, seamen and privateers who fought against all odds in this war. They defeated the mighty Royal Navy, time and again, and played a key role in this "Second War for Independence." Dr. Daughan received the Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature, on another occasion, for his book on *If by Sea: The Forging of the American Navy from the Revolution to the War of 1812*.

Rear Admiral Chev **J. Robert Lunney**, GOTJ, who displayed his skill as a most entertaining raconteur, agreed to step in for Dr. Daughan and discuss Bill Gilbert's book, *Ship of Miracles: A Korean War Rescue* at this awards event. It tells the story of the last ship out of Hungnam at the end of the Chosin (Chang Jin) Reservoir Campaign.

The Military Order of Saint Louis originated in the ancien régime of Bourbon France as a mark of military merit. It was reconstituted for the purpose of recognizing significant activities for better understanding of the military contributions of France, to the achievement and defense of the United States during the American Revolution. Prior I **Andrew P. O'Rourke** (later Grand Prior XII), instituted the award in 1999 at the Priory of Saint Patrick. The medal now bears a Templar Cross on the reverse side.

Region II - Mid-Atlantic

LTC Chev. Tenney H. Wheatley Jr., GCTJ, CMTJ
Deputy Grand Prior

Priory of Philadelphia (Philadelphia)

Chev. Thomas R. Johnson, KCTJ, Prior XI



Grand Secretary Chevse **Jean M. Goulka** GOTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Muhlenberg College's **Gideon F. Egner** Memorial Chapel in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Sunday, November 18. Prior **Thomas Johnson**, knights and dames participated at the investiture of **Thomas Richard Kellogg**, Esq. and **Mercy E. Ramsey**.

The rank of Commandeur (KCTJ/

DCTJ) was conferred on Chevaliers **Angelo Joseph Auteri**, **George Blaine Hixon**, **Darryl Stanley Jeffries**, **Arthur Delmar Morey**, **John Thomas Showler** and Chevse **Amy Lynn Scutti** RN. The Achievement medal was presented to Chev. **George Blaine Hixon** and Chevse. **Bright Miller Judson**. The Commendation medal was awarded to Chevse. **Marianne Simko Canning**. Chevaliers **Joseph Angelo Auteri** and **Andrew Joseph Scutti** received a Meritorious Service medal.

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

LTC Chev. Robert L. Meinert, CAP, GOTJ, Prior IV

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

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



Grand Inspector **Patrick M. Carney**, GCTJ, presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Fort Myer Memorial Chapel in Fort Myer on Saturday, October 20. Prior **Jack Klimp**, knights and dames participated at the investiture of **Jennifer Ellen Burkhart London** Ph.D., **Whitney Jane Meyers**, LCDR **Annette Marie Monsour**, Rt. Rev. Msgr. **Michael Patrick O'Donnell** and LtCol **Thomas Francis Walsh III**.

MAJ Reverend **William Carl Baron** Ph.D. and **Charles Hallett Potter II** received the Achievement medal. The Meritorious Service Medal was presented to CAPT **Kent Shepard Webber** and the Legion of Merit was awarded to LT **Robert Ernest Norman**.

Chancellor **Howard Sartori**, GCTJ, CMTJ reports that the Priory of Saint King Charles the Martyr hosted the fourth in a continuing series of prayer breakfasts on March 3, 2013 at the Mount St. Sepulchre Franciscan Monastery (north of the U.S. Capitol). Over thirty brother knights and sister dames from St. King Charles the Martyr, as well as from the priories of Thomas à Becket, Monitor and Merrimack, St George and the Permanent Preceptory of the Holy Land, attended the breakfast. It was organized by Secretary **Mark Hartell**. Grand Prior XVIII **Tom Curtis**, Grand Chaplain **Ted Schneider** and Grand Prior XVII **Keith Larson** attended this event, which is fast becoming a tradition in Region II.

Our very own Templar Knight and president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, Fr. **Peter Vasko** OFM, conducted this special event. He talked about the *Ten Reasons to Support the Indigenous Christians of the Holy*



Land. Templar members who attended the breakfast and who made an SMOTJ pilgrimage, who attended the breakfast posed with Fr. Peter (on the left) in a group photograph.

Priory of the Delaware (Wilmington)

COL Lloyd E. Cavey, GOTJ, Prior XXI

Deputy Grand Prior LTC **Tenney H. Wheatley Jr.**, GCTJ, CMTJ officiated at the Convent held at St. David's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware on September 22. Prior **Lloyd Cavey Jr.**, knights and dames welcomed Deputy Grand Prior LtCol Tenney H. Wheatley Jr., GCTJ to preside at their Convent held at Christ Episcopal Church in Dover, Delaware on December 1. No promotions or awards were authorized at this Convent.

Priory of the Monitor and Merrimack (Norfolk)

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



Grand Secretary Chevaleresse **Jean M. Goulka**, GOTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the First Landing Chapel at Fort Story, Virginia Beach, Virginia on November 10. Prior **Brooks Boatwright**, dames and knights participated in the investiture of LCDR **John Peter Drosinos**.

Chevaliers MCPO **Patrick Adriel Modglin** and COL **Michael Postma** were promoted to Commandeur

(KCTJ). Chevaliers CDR **Gregory Jay Olsen** and LCDR **Leonard Treadway** were elevated to the rank of Grand Officier (GOTJ).

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was given to LCDR Chev. **Randal Lee Dedrickson**. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Chevalereses **Anna Marie Archer Holmes** and **Patty Anne Werner**. The gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years) was awarded to Chevaliers CAPT **Richard T. Alek**, CAPT **Edward Ivey Futch**, CDR **George Ralph Goswick**, CAPT **William Grayson Lowell**, CAPT **James Spurgeon Day Jr.**, CAPT **James Hawthorne Lant** and CAPT **L. Frank Mach**. CDR Chev. **Robert Orin Holmes Sr** and CWO3 Chvse **Betty J. Kemmerer** were inducted as Commandeur into the Order of Merit (CMTJ).

Priory of the Holy Isle (Richmond)

Chev. Robert M. Davis III, GOTJ, Prior II



Deputy Grand Prior LtCol **Tenney H. Wheatley Jr.**, GCTJ, CMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the historic Bruton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Virginia on October 13. Prior **Robert Davis**, dames and knights participated in the investiture of **Rosemary Wareham**.

Chevaliers TSgt **Richard French Gaya**, **James Anthony Greer** and COL **Robert Clinton Morris Jr.** were promoted to Commandeur (KCTJ). The Achievement medal was presented to

Chevaliers CDR **Dean Allen Ablowich**, CAPT **Oliver Wendell Hamilton II**, Rev. **Patrick Ray Andrew MacLean** and Chvse **Rita French Hamilton**. The Commendation medal was presented to Chevaliers **Thomas Ernest Brock**, **Robert Dennis Lockwood** and COL **Robert Clinton Morris Jr.**

Region III - South Atlantic

CAPT Chev. George L. Custodi, GCTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

Region III stretches from North Carolina to Southern Florida, including South Carolina and Georgia, from the Atlantic Coast to the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains. The Region, characterized by mild climate and southern hospitality, held a combined C&I in Greenville several years ago, sponsored by the Priory of St. Vincent. Region III priories have expressed interest in planning another combined C&I within the region. The advantages of such a joint C&I are the cooperation, planning, camaraderie and teamwork needed in order to hold such an event.

Congratulations are in order to the Priory of the Temple Church for installing a new slate of officers for 2013-15 at its recent C&I, as well as funding a \$3,200 scholarship for two years for one high school student in Ramallah. The Priory of the Holy Rood made a similar contribution of \$5,000 in 2012. It is an indication of Region III's ongoing and enthusiastic commitment to our Order's mission of charity and support for the Holy Land. I shall continue to reinforce that message as I travel throughout Region III. I am humbled by and grateful for the many fine outstanding Knights and Dames and their leaders, who together give strength and purpose to Region III and our Order.

Priory of the Holy Rood (Georgia/Central Florida)

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

Deputy Grand Prior CAPT Chev. **George L. Custodi** GCTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia on September 22. Prior **Robert Landin**, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Kamara Kay** and **James Joseph Ruether**.

The rank of Commandeur (KCTJ) was conferred on Chevaliers **Charles Wesley Bogle, Jr.** and **Thomas Lee Smith PhD**. Chvse **Sandra La June Landin RN** was promoted to the rank of Grand Officier (GOTJ).

The Achievement medal was awarded to Chevaliers LtCol Rev. **John Allen Eidsmoe, Esq.** and **William Madison Harris**. The Commendation medal was presented to Chev. **Stephen Clifford Starbuck**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was given to Chevaliers COL **Noel Raymond Bambrough**, **Charles Wesley Bogle Jr.**, LtCol Rev. **John Allen Eidsmoe, Esq.** and **Robert Allen Pittman**. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Chevaliers **Jerry Lawrence Brown**, LtCol **Richard Stephen Ulmen**, **William Madison Harris** and Chvse **Patricia Marion Brown**. Chevaliers BG **Wilson Terrell Dreger III** and Capt **Dares Emery Wirt** received a gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years).

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

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



Grand Chancellor COL Chev. **Buren R. Shields III**, LLM, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, North Carolina on November 17. Prior **Rodney Allen**, dames and knights participated in the investiture of LTC **Thomas Ford Hardin**, **Cheryl Kay McCaskill** and **David Rash Thomas**.

The Achievement medal was awarded to Chevalereses **Billie-Lynn Daniels Bean**, **Lisa Fetterman Donant** and **Bertie Carol Foy**. The Commendation medal was presented to MSgt Chev. **Anthony Maltese**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was awarded to Chevalereses **Nancy Baumes Kane** and **Terri Marlaine Heacock**. Chevaliers LT **Charles Albert Lewis Jr.**, CAPT **John Robert Wallace** and Chvse **Helga Maria Gunkel Lewis** received a silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years).

Priory of St. Vincent (Columbia)

Chev. Duncan C. Ely, GOTJ, Prior VII



Grand Chancellor, COL Chev. **Buren R. Shields III**, LLM, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church in Aiken, South Carolina on November 10. Prior **Duncan Ely**, dames and knights participated in the investiture of **Thelma Annette Gaines** and CPT Rev. **Donald Ray Hayes**.

Chvse **Margaret Chossek Graham** RN was promoted to Commandeur (DCTJ). Chev. **Owen Kirk Lane** was elevated to the rank of Grand Officier (GOTJ). The Meritorious Service medal was awarded to Chev. **Robert Leslie McClure**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was awarded to Chevaliers LCDR **Robert Nathan Boorda** Esq., **Robert Harry Krause** and **Michael Allen Morse**. Chevalereses **Lois Breur Krause** PhD, **Carmen LaTrice Landy** and **Debra Gray Morse** received a bronze service medal as well.

The silver Long and Faith Service medal (10 years) was presented to the Chevaliers Rev. **Robert Earl Alexander**, EdD and **Harrell Charles Murray III**. Chvse **Myrna Pearl Power Beaton** received a gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years). The Rev. Chev. **Robert Earl Alexander** EdD was inducted as Commandeur into the Order of Merit (CMTJ).

Priory of the Temple Church (Orlando)

CWO4 Chev. Thomas "Ted" Seater, GOTJ, Prior I

Grand Chancellor COL Chev. **Buren R. Shields III**, LLM, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Tampa Bay, Florida on October 13. Prior **Thomas Seater**, knights

and dames participated in the investiture of **Andre Tarraf**.

The rank of Commandeur (KCTJ/DCTJ) was conferred on Chevaliers **Lindell James Correll**, **Henry Ives Jehan Jr.** and **Robert D. Thomson** PhD, as well as Chevalereses **Diane Saliba Hassan MD**, **Barbara Anne Jehan**, **Margaret Carr Miller** and COL **Christine Veronica O'Donnell RN**. The Achievement Medal was awarded to Chev. LTC **John Riley Wallace**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was presented to Chvse **Pamela Kay Barker Gwinn**. Chvse **Angela Lucille Pettis Franz** PA-C received a silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years).

Region IV - Midwest

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

Deputy Grand Prior

Priory of St. Clair (Detroit)

Rev. Chev. Darrell A. Neves DMin, KCTJ, Prior IV



COL Chev. **Larry B. Main**, GCTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Colom-biere Jesuit Retreat Conference Center, Clarkston, Michigan on September 22. Prior **Darrell Neves**, dames and knights participated in the investiture of **Christopher James Fildes** Esq and **Lisa Sue Fildes**, Esq. There were no promotions or awards at this event.

Priory of St. Norbert (Chicago)

Chev. Michael Joseph Levickas, GOTJ, Prior X



Grand Prior, LTC **Thomas P. Curtis II**, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture of the Priory of St. Norbert at the Dominican University Chapel in River Forest, Illinois on Saturday, September 29. Prior **Michael Levickas**, knights and dames participated at the investiture of **Mark J. White** and **Juliana Taimoorazy**.

LTC Reverend **Paul D. Pfeffer** was promoted to Chaplain (CTJ) and **Jeffrey David Ficaro** to Commandeur (KCTJ). LTC **Robert Roger Goulka** and **Victoria D. Perez** were elevated to the rank of Grand Officier (GOTJ).

Achievement medals were awarded to **Michael Francis Krause**, **Dale Joseph Starkes** Esq., **Stacey Kossman Starkes** and **Martin Francis Ward**. A Commendation medal was presented to LTC **John Alister MacLean**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was given to LTC **Robert Roger Goulka** and **Victoria D. Perez**. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Maj **Dana B. Davidson** CPA, **Michael Joseph Levickas** and **Richard Post**.

Priory of St. Simon of Cyrene (Northeast Illinois)

Hon LTC Chev. John Phillips, Esq., GOTJ, Prior III

Grand Secretary Chvse **Jean M. Goulka** GOTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Max

McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee, Illinois on September 15. Prior **John Phillips**, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Rufino F. Crisostomo**, **John James Meek**, **Catherine Marie Phillips** and **Patrick James Robin**.

The rank of Commandeur (KCTJ) was conferred on Chevaliers **Lee Bradley**, **Alan Meriweather Hubble** PhD, **James William Patton**, **Paul Arthur Scheeler** and **Russell Lewis Schlosser**. The Hon LtCol Chev. **John Thomas Phillips**, Esq. was promoted to Grand Officier (GOTJ).

The Achievement medal was presented to Chevaliers **Kevin Michael Cassidy**, **Edward Earl Gordon** PhD, **Andrew Edward Michyeta III** and **David Frank Sedivy**. The Commendation medal was awarded to Rev. **Thomas Richard Franzman**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was awarded to Chevaliers **Walter Arthur DeMent**, **Ronald Lee Jansen**, Esq. and **Stanley Louis Meister**. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Chevaliers **Lee Bradley**, **Thomas Clarke Hill IX**, **Paul Dunn Lynch Jr.**, Esq., **James William Patton**, **Russell Lewis Schlosser** and **Msgt Raymond J. Smith**, along with **Chvse Joyce Elizabeth Lynch**. **SgtMaj Chev. Bruce Desmond Hudson** received a gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years).

Region V - South Central

Chev. Thomas K. Marshall, GOTJ

Deputy Grand Prior

Region V has experienced some resurgence in Templar membership with four active preceptories, which are being developed under the sponsorship of the Priory of St. Andrew. Meanwhile, the Priory of the Holy Sepulchre and the Priory of St. Bernard de Clairvaux are rebuilding their leadership base, following the resignation recently of their respective priors. I am happy to report that the charitable outreach program of our priories is active and successful in its efforts.

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

Chev. John D. Avery, GOTJ, Prior VII



Grand Secretary **Jean M. Goulka**, GOTJ presided at a Convent held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles, Missouri on October 6. The Achievement medal was awarded to Chevalereses **Linda Sue Carr** and **Marilyn Joann Geery**, as well as Chevaliers **Ian Cloudman Good**, **Harry William Henry III** and **Larry Alan Carr**. The Commendation medal was presented to **Chvse Sandra Lee Swift**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was given to Chevalereses **Charlene Cook**, **Evelyn Louise Sympton**, and to Chevaliers **Stephen Matthew Baldwin**, **Jeffrey Lane Cook**, **David Lee Kirkland** and SGM **Thomas Keith Marshall Sr**, SSG **Thomas Estill Mattingly** and **James David Sympton**. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Chevaliers **Charles Franklin Galt Clark**, MG **David L. Evans**, **Harry William Henry III**, **William Shawn Steadman**, **Quentin C. DeCota**, LTC Chev. **Glenford Andrew Newtown Jr.**, and to Chevalereses **Marilyn Joann Geery**, **Jean Lombrano** and **Dorothy Jean O'Brien**.

Priory of the Holy Sepulchre (Louisville)

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



Grand Prior, LTC **Thomas P. Curtis II**, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture of the Holy Sepulchre at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Louisville on Saturday, October 20. Prior **Jack Holt Jr.**, knights and dames participated at the investiture of **Thomas Doyle Conklin**, **Gerard Vincent Hennelly**, COL **William Fondren Ryall** and MAJ **James Frederick Scott**.

LTC **Ralph Clinton Burden**, MAJ **John Albert Conklin** Ph.D. and **Robert Walter Marcellino** were promoted to Commandeur (KCTJ) and **Susan Lear Porter Smith** to Commandeur (DCTJ). The Commendation Medal was presented to Reverend **Paul Weeghman Smith**.

Priory of St. Andrew (Nashville)

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



Deputy Grand Prior, SGM Chev. **Thomas K. Marshall Sr**, GOTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tennessee on November 10. Prior **Joel Warren**, dames and knights participated in the investiture of **Katie Morgen Fieth** and **John Eric Powel** PhD.

The rank of Commandeur (DCTJ/KCTJ) was conferred on Chevalereses **Julia Mae Fieth** and **Billie Jean Phillips Riegler Gulbenk**, and to Chevaliers **Rick Dwayne Hollis**, **William Douthitt McKinney, Jr.** and **Dennis Earl Wood**. **Chvse Catherine Fezell Pharr** and MAJ Chev. **Bradford Michael Randall** were elevated to the rank of Grand Officier (GOTJ). The Commendation medal was awarded to Chevaliers **Roupen Metcalf Gulbenk** and **Phillip DeWayne Martin**.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was given to Chevalereses **Geraldine Lynne Cain**, **Linda Darwin**, **Maura Murphy Edwards**, **Julia Mae Fieth**, **Catherine Fezell Pharr**, **Michael Ann Robinson**, **Deborah Eileen Simon**, **Mary Carolyn Jensen Smith**, **Mary Clyde Sparks**, **Dana Lester Wrinkle** and **Marilyn Ann Wiltsie**.

Chevaliers SGM **Russell Arthur Cain**, **Michael Eugene Clift** Esq., **William Robert Edwards**, **Carl Kenneth Fieth**, CDR **Michael Scott Fugate**, Rev. **Kenneth Stewart Letterman** DMin, **John R. Neal**, LTC **Owen Ferrell Pharr**, MAJ Maj **Bradford Michael Randall**, **Mark Townsend Wrinkle**, **David McDonald Yawn**, **K. Dickson Grissom** Esq., **Phillip DeWayne Martin** and **Theodore Elliott Wiltsi**, EdD received a bronze service medal as well.

The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was awarded to Chevalereses **Margaret McQuiddy Anderson**, **Kathleen Ann Blackstock**, **Marguerite Wilson Evans**, **Sandra Sue Frank**, **Margaret Joan Hookie**, **Mary B.**

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Jackson, Joanne Calarde Bolton Knight and Ellen Adair Liston, Betty Jane McClanahan, Carolee Porter McKinstry, Carol Marie Owens and Elizabeth Magoffin Shine.

Chevaliers CAPT James Fielding Blackstock, COL Raymond Ashley Brown, LTC Enrico Anthony Clausi, Stanley Allen Evans Sr., Thomas Daniel Irvin, Richard Kent McAden, Larry Duncan McClanahan, SSG Lee Wescoat McKinstry, Sam Wescoat McKinstry PhD, Robert Lamar Owens, James S. Rudy, David Bruce Shine Sr., Esq., SGM Scott Michael Simon, Robert Bruce Snyder, Orville Ward Swarner MD and Roger Leon Young were awarded a silver service medal as well.

The gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years) was given to Chevalereses Clara Elaine Rawlings Davenport, Elizabeth Dowell Bailey MD, Joan Edythe Dring Campbell, MacDonald Gammon and Mary Laurimore Hamilton Johnston.

Chevaliers Nelson Edwin Davenport Jr., Charles William Bissell, Charles O'Neale Gordon, Mark Liston Johnston Sr., CPT Laurence Maxwell Long, Eugene Guinn Smith, LTC Joel Edward Warren and Dennis Earl Wood received a gold service medal as well.

Priory of St. Bernard de Clairvaux (New Orleans)

Chev. Bernard L. Baisier, KCTJ Prior VI



Grand Prior LTC Thomas P. Curtis II, GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at The National Votive Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, New Orleans, Louisiana on October 13. Prior Bernard Baisier, knights and dames participated in the investiture of Stacy Christopher Auzenne Esq., Samuel Carriere V and Michael

Perry Schenk. There were no authorized promotions or awards.



Region VI - North Central

MG Chev. Michael M. Berzowski Esq., GOTJ, CMTJ
Deputy Grand Prior

Priory of the Holy Grail (Minneapolis)

Chev. Robert J. Fassino, GOTJ, Prior VI



Grand Prior LTC Thomas P. Curtis II GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota on September 15. Prior Robert Fassino, dames and knights participated in the investiture of Philip Vance Gustov Gatlin.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was given to Chevaliers Randall Joseph Newton and Robert Mark Thul. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Chevaliers Larry Lee Amdahl, CPT Timothy Paul Blaeser, Svenn Edwin Borgersen PhD, COL Glenn Carter Faith MD, Robert Joseph Fassino, Rev. Michael P. Forbes OHS, LTC, Chester John Harrison Jr., COL Patrick W. Ledray, LTC Timothy Kennan Loney, Dexter Carl Pehle, Rev. Theodore James Neuhaus D.Arts, MG Robert A. Pollmann, Maj Craig Brian Strand, LTC Charles M. Tarara and John Ward Worlein.

Chevalereses Susan Elizabeth Borgersen PhD, Louise Gertrude Forbes, Nancy Lee McLaughlin Tarara, Susan Towner Ledray and OHSO Rosemary Lynne Linderman PsyD were recipients of a silver service medal as well. The gold Long and Faithful Service medal (20 years) was awarded to the Hon. Chev. David Sinclair Bouschor, Esq.

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

Chev. Kimberly Kay Korstad, DCTJ, Prior X



Grand Inspector Patrick M. Carney, GCTJ, presided at the Convent of the Priory of Our Lady of Sorrows of the West at America's Best Value Inn & Suites in Rochester on Saturday, September 29.

Prior Kimberly Kay Korstad, knights and dames participated in her promotion to Grand Officer (GOTJ).

The Achievement medal was presented to Juanita E. Herbst Lasswell and CPO Richard L. Lasswell.

Priory of St. John the Baptist (Milwaukee)

COL Chev. Robert McWilliam, GOTJ, Prior VII



Region VII - Southwest

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

Priory of St. Matthew (San Antonio)

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



Grand Prior LTC Thomas P. Curtis II GCTJ, GMTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Bastrop, Texas on Saturday, December 8. Prior Robert Bodisch Sr., knights and dames participated in the investiture of Robert James Edgmon and William Frank McCoy.

The rank of Commandeur (KCTJ/DCTJ) was conferred on Chevaliers

John Chris Leyva, Richard Joseph Niels Jr., Rev. Thomas Randall Parr DMin, ThD, COL Kenneth Jon Vitucci, Esq., Charles A. Wall Jr., Dennis Lamar Williams and Chvse Sandra Sue Williams.

The Achievement medal was awarded to Chevaliers Randall Eugene Basham PhD, 1SG Eugene Irving Bauer, COL Frank Louis Bertone, Frederick Cassidy Garcia, John Chris Leyva, BG Charles Adrian Miller Jr., SSG Jonathan Burke Rada and Milton H. Rivera. Chevalereses Tanya Phillips Bertone, Marilyn S. Leyva and Marilyn L. Reckline received the award as well.

The Commendation medal was presented to Chevaliers COL Kenneth Jon Vitucci, Esq., Charles A. Wall Jr., Jason McLendon Blair, Hon. Geoffrey Scott Connor Esq., Carroll Gerard Miller Jr., Esq., Richard Joseph Niels Jr., David Braxton Scherz, along with Chevalereses Charisse Marie Bodisch and Sandra Sue Williams.

The Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Chevaliers Michael David Hunter and Rev. Thomas Parr, CPT Steven Warren Salyer PhD and Dennis Lamar Williams. Chevaliers Hon. Edward F. Butler Sr., Robert Weldon Cooper and the Hon. LTC Roger Alan Keats were inducted as Commandeur into the Order of Merit (CMTJ). The Distinguished Service medal was awarded to Chev. Patrick Michael Carney.

Priory of the Light (Arizona)

Chev. William E. Currie, KCTJ, Prior IV

Grand Treasurer Edward S. Garlock GCTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, Arizona on November 3. Prior William Currie, knights and dames participated in the investiture of Justin Lynn Johnson and James Wesley.

Sgt Chev. Lawrence Joseph Jones, Jr. was promoted to Commandeur (KCTJ). Chev. Marty Frank Wurst was elevated to the rank of Grand Officier (GOTJ).

The Achievement medal was awarded to Chevalereses Wanda Ruth Hillmer, Capt Jenniffer Lynd Jack and Chev. John Francis Riley. The Commendation medal was presented to Chevaliers Benjamin Scott Breese and Thomas Patterson Hillmer. Chevalereses Jean Ann Currie and CPT Doris Ann Smith RN received a Meritorious Service medal.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was awarded to Chevaliers Mark de Rohan Barondes, COL

Philip Jan Hanson, Daniel Henry Heller MD, John Francis Riley and Marty Frank Wurst. Chevalereses Sheryl Ann Kaubisch and Dorise Eileen Wurst, RN received a bronze service medal as well. The silver Long and Faithful Service medal (10 years) was presented to Chvse Carol Roberta Black.

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

Deputy Grand Prior

A number of changes took place at some of the Region VIII priories, including new Chancellors at the Priory of the Christian Soldier (Chev. Sandor "Sandy" Mayuga, KCTJ) and the Priory of Our Savior (Bishop Chev. Louis Carlson, KCTJ). Priors Brian Gray and Jay Richardson are confident that these Chancellors will bring their strong leadership skills to their respective priory, with the help of dedicated team members. The current Chancellors at the Priory of St. Francis and the Priory of Mount St. Michael are looking ahead, as well, to selecting a team that can meet the challenges of building an even more successful priory.

It is expected that all four priories in Region VIII will have one or more of its leaders and members at the Grand Convent and Investiture, from June 5-9 at Philadelphia. They will be able to attend workshops that can help them develop new skills and learn how they can become even more successful as leaders.

Priory of Mount St. Michael (Seattle)

CBM (Ret.) Chev. Roger Barnstead, KTJ, Prior IV



The Priory of Mount St. Michael held a business meeting on October 20 in Seattle, attended by Deputy Grand Prior Marston Watson. The Priory board agreed that 2012-13 dates were needed to be set for their Priory events and a C&I ceremony on May 4, 2013. The Priory's Christmas dinner took place at the Black Angus restaurant. Chancellor John Knierim led a group of priory members to the Mountain View Lutheran Church for their "Seeds of Change" feeding of nearly 200 homeless people.

Priory of St. Francis (San Francisco)

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



Grand Treasurer Edward S. Garlock, GCTJ presided at a Convent held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Benicia, California on September 29. There were no awards or promotions.

Members and guests were treated to a fine banquet meal at the historic Union Hotel in Benicia.

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Pilgrimage 2013-the Greatest Story Ever Told

By Chev. Marston Watson, GOTJ, Grand Editeur

Do you remember the popular radio series about *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, which aired first in 1947? Perhaps you recall that this religious dramatization about the life and times of Jesus began with the words, "It is the greatest story ever told from the greatest life ever lived," along with a 16-voice chorus and full orchestra in the background.

The stories about Jesus and his followers were simply told. They allowed this 11-year old Christian devotee of these stories to imagine what life in the Holy Land must have been like and to dream of going there someday, to see this magical place for myself. That dream was fulfilled sixty years later, when Dame Kathy and I participated in the historic, first-ever Templar Pilgrimage with Grand Prior XV **Robert and Dame Sheila Disney** in November 2007, along with thirty-four of our Templar knights, dames and family members.

Nothing we read in the Bible about this Holy land could satisfy our hunger to know more, until we saw it with our own eyes and walked along the many paths that our Lord and his Disciples once took. No words could express adequately what the late Archbishop **Herbert Groce** did for the two of us when we renewed our sacred marriage vows at Cana and accepted from him the blessed water from the River Jordan during the renewal of our baptism.

You likely have read a number of testimonials from your brothers and sisters in previous issues of the *Beauséant*, who made this holiest of pilgrimages in the last few years. Do not miss this opportunity to add this event to your "bucket list" or let any financial hesitation prevent you from joining us in our GPUSA 2013 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The brochure from the reliable and experienced George's International Tours provides a detail description of this pilgrimage. Here is some of what you can expect to see.

Nov. 2-3: Depart New York (or an airport of your choice). Our pilgrimage begins when we arrive at the Tel Aviv airport, where we will be met by our local guide who will accompany us throughout our stay in the Holy Land and make the scripture come alive. We drive to Jerusalem, our home for the next seven nights.

Nov. 4-9: Jerusalem. Relax and "leave the driving to us" as we visit Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem, go to Mount Zion, see St. John the Baptist's birthplace and to the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous Magnificat. Savor your visit to Bethlehem, where we will see some of the various projects supported by the SMOTJ. Your drive to the Old City includes many of holiest sites, including the Wailing Wall and a walk on Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord.

Nov. 10-13: Tiberias. We will be able to attend Sunday services at the church of our choice before departing Jerusalem and driving to Tiberias for the next three nights, with a stop at the River Jordan. Once again, we will visit the holiest of sites, including the opportunity to walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and renew our marriage vows at Cana. Alas, our pilgrimage ends with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant before we transfer to the airport for our late evening return flight home and arrival on November 14.

Nothing in this tour description can convey our most intimate feelings and moments of joy when we realized how this

Holy Pilgrimage changed our lives forever. We all formed an even closer and lasting bond with our fellow brothers and sisters. I urge you not to miss this unforgettable opportunity to share this time together with our Grand Prior Curtis and dear Templar friends. Let the *Greatest Story Ever Told* be your story.



Grand Chaplain Right Reverend Ted Schneider with Michael and Janet Berzowski in Cana following their renewal of marriage vows.



Janet Berzowski at the Creche in Bethlehem. The Creche is the recipient of SMOTJ's Jerusalem Mite funds.



Grand Prior Tom Curtis renewing his baptism in the Jordan River.

Use your login to smotj.org, to find Pilgrimage 2013 details under what's new. Contact GP Curtis at Grand-Prior@smotj.org or other members who have been to the Holy Land, to learn of their experiences.

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Priory of Our Savior (Pasadena)

Chev. Jay A. Richardson, GOTJ, Prior VII



The Priory of Our Savior had a busy year under the inspiring leadership of Prior **Jay Richardson**. Over sixty Priory members and guests met on July 21 for Knights on the Beach at the Jonathan Beach Club in Santa Monica, along the Pacific Ocean. Deputy Grand Prior **Marston Watson** and Grand Webmaster **Kathleen Watson** traveled from their Richmond Marina Bay home in the San Francisco

Bay Area to join in the festivities at this annual fund raiser.

After a brief prayer and delicious food, we drew raffle tickets for some wonderful prizes, such as tickets to the Hollywood Bowl, box seats at a L.A. Lakers game, an Apple I-Pad, etc. We conducted a live auction for some "ancient" spirits (Scotch) and bid "God Speed" to a Knight who was bound for a year's duty in Afghanistan.

The Priory of Our Savior funded two GPUSA scholarships for students in the Holy Land, from the money raised. In addition, it provided funds for the Red Shield program of the Salvation Army in Los Angeles, the Pasadena Boys and Girls Club and the USMC Devil Pups Program for "at-risk" youth in the Los Angeles area. New prospective members were recruited for the Priory and everyone had a grand afternoon.

Our Savior hosted its "Christmas in the City" on December 1 at the downtown rooftop terrace of the Jonathan Club, surrounded by the brightly lit skyscrapers of Los Angeles. The Knights and Dames of the Priory brought toys for children and placed them under a sparkling Christmas tree. An invocation and message by Prior Jay Richardson, along with a gourmet dinner, live music, wandering carolers and Christmas carols sung by a choir of over 70 members and guests, marked this festive occasion. We went out onto the rooftop between raindrops for cigars, champagne and delightful conversation.

The Priory of Our Savior is preparing for its Convent and Investiture on April 27, 2013, welcoming many new knights and dames into the Priory, along with a change in Priory leadership. Also, it is looking ahead to co-hosting the Grand Convent and Investiture in Pasadena on June 5-8, 2014.

Priory of the Christian Soldier (San Fernando Valley)

Chev. Brian Gray, KCTJ, Prior II



Grand Inspector Chev. **Patrick M. Carney** GCTJ presided at the Convent and Investiture held at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Studio City, California on October 6. Prior **Brian Gray**, knights and dames participated in the investiture of **Norman Leonard Auslander**, **Sidney Brookman**, LtCol **John Vincent Geary Jr.**, **Nicholas Paul Kenworthy-Browne** and LTC **Gary Lewis Macnamara**.

The rank of Commandeur (KCTJ) was conferred on Chevaliers **MG James William Comstock** and **COL Robert Steven Couthie**. Chevalereses **Joan Deora Darley**, **Kathleen Ann Gray** and Chev. **Brian Gray** were elevated to the rank of Grand Officier (GOTJ).

The Achievement medal was awarded to Chevaliers **CSM Michael Anthony Legrande**, **Ian James Skone-Rees** and **Richard Mark Winter-Stanbridge**. Chevaliers Maj **Sandor Xavier Mayuga** Esq, BG **Richard Keith Pierce** and LtCol **Edward Warren von Leffern** received the Commendation medal.

The bronze Long and Faithful Service medal (5 years) was awarded to Chevalereses **Joan Deora Darley**, **Kathleen Ann Gray** and **Loretta Frances Hanson**, along with Chevaliers **Brian Gray**, **Richard Gregory Payatt** and **Kenneth George Smith**.

Project Fifty for GPUSA

by Grand Prior Thomas P. Curtis II, GCTJ, GMTJ



The fiftieth year of existence for the SMOTJ as an Autonomous Grand Priory in the United States was marked in 2012. The State of New Jersey officially granted the Order the rights of incorporation on June 29, 1962. The rest, as they say, is history. As such, 2012 was our Golden Anniversary and GPUSA celebrated it in appropriate style.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Book

A hard cover book is available, recounting the history of the Grand Priory as well as

each of the priories. The book includes graphics and historical photographs, some dating back to the very beginnings of the SMOTJ. The goal is to sell it at cost, making it available to as many as possible and to priories who may wish to distribute it to postulants as an introduction to the Order and its works of charity. It is now available through the office of the Grand Armorer.

The Historical DVD

This history book includes a DVD of interviews with some of the key leaders of GPUSA. This visual record of Grand Priories and others who were instrumental in the dramatic growth of the Order will be a special treasure in the years to come.



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Washington's troops experienced great suffering and rejuvenation, and where Baron Frederich von Steuben provided professional military training and developed a training manual that was a model for the United States military throughout the 19th Century. Valley Forge was a turning point in the Revolutionary War.

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology is located at 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, telephone (215) 898-4001. The University has conducted over 400 expeditions and over 30 galleries, which feature items from around the world and throughout the ages. There are collections from China, Egypt, Iraq, and Meso-America. You will see outstanding collections from the Royal Tombs of Ur, Aztec artifacts and a 13-ton granite Sphinx, the third largest in the world. The outstanding architecture housing the China exhibit is seen in one of the largest unsupported masonry domes in America. The Egyptian collection is known worldwide.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F&AM (Masonic Temple) is located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, telephone (215) 988-1900. It is a showcase of grand, almost mystical, architecture and design. The exterior façade is of Quincy granite in a neo-classical Norman style of architecture. The interior

surfaces are covered with fine art images, which are found everywhere on the walls and ceiling. There are seven rooms of individual architectural style: Ionic Hall, Doric Hall, Corinthian Hall, Gothic Hall, Egyptian Hall, Oriental Hall and Norman Hall.

Franklin Institute at 222 North 20th Street is one of the most beloved and oldest science museums in America. It probably led to the use of the word "interactive" because of its hands-on exhibits, even before that word became fashionable. The Tuttleman IMAX Theater boasts of a 79-foot, domed screen for galaxies and deep space exploration through America's highest technology. There is a 3-D theater and indoor Sky Bike.

Philadelphia Museum of Art is located at 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which is among the largest art museums in the country. It has a collection of over 227,000 objects, including world-class American and European paintings, prints, drawings and decorative art. The museum covers ten acres and houses 300,000 works spanning 2,000 years. There is an entrance fee for admission.

Now, you know what happened and still happens in Philadelphia. See it for yourself and share it with your family and friends. These historical sites are just a sample of the many interesting attractions you can enjoy and learn from during your stay at the 51st Grand C&I in Philadelphia in June.

GPUSA Heads for LA

By David Hurford, Jr., GOTJ, Prior VI, Priory of Our Savior

The priories of greater Los Angeles – The Priory of Our Savior and The Priory of the Christian Soldier – are planning an event you will not want to miss: the 2014 Grand Convent and Investiture!



The dates are June 5-8, 2014, and the destination is the City of Pasadena, one of the oldest, most distinguished cities in the Los Angeles area. Most people think of Pasadena as the host city for the New Year's Day Rose Parade and the Pac 12 Football Championship Game. You may have watched these events on television and have a sense of the attractions that bring millions of people to visit the town throughout the year.

Pasadena is the home of renowned cultural attractions and educational institutions, and some of the best hotels and restaurants in Los Angeles. The landmark Rose Bowl is the home stadium of the UCLA Bruins football team, and the site of the annual Rose Bowl Game and July 4th fireworks. Some of

the most popular gardens in the area are found at The Huntington Library, including the renovated Japanese Garden.

The Gamble House is regarded as a masterpiece of the Craftsman movement. The Norton Simon Museum has an impressive collection of European art, while the historic Pasadena Playhouse has been the State Theatre of California since 1937. Other cultural attractions include the Pacific Asia Museum and the Pasadena Museum of California Art. Shopping areas include Old Town Pasadena, the outdoor Paseo Colorado and South Lake Avenue.

The church selected for our Vigil and Convent ceremonies is All Saints Church. It is home to a prosperous Episcopalian congregation that is one of the largest in the West. They worship in a lovely, century-old edifice of rough-hewn stone (equipped with air conditioning, should we need it). The hotel for our meetings and festivities is the well-appointed Westin Pasadena, about 50 yards from the church. Old Town Pasadena, one of the most successful shopping and dining districts in Southern California, is about two blocks from the church and hotel.

The Steering Committee is hard at work on the planning and production for the event. Our goal is to make your experience here productive, fun and memorable, as well as affordable. So, there will be money left in your travel budget for extra giving (think Jerusalem Mite) or Southern California dining, entertainment and sightseeing. More details on the event are coming your way in the months ahead. In the meantime, reserve June 5-8, 2014 on your calendar now and plan to join us!

But before booking your flight to "Tinseltown" (LAX or BUR airports), be sure you are booked for this year's Grand Convent and Investiture in Philadelphia. The priories of Los Angeles will be there, taking notes in preparation for next year. We look forward to seeing you soon in Philadelphia.

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REGISTRATION FORM

To register to attend electronically (preferred) go to the SMOTJ website at: <http://www.smotj.org> and click on upcoming events. If you would prefer to fax or mail in your application, fill in this form and send it with your check or credit card information to:

SMOTJ Grand Administrative Office
PO Box 83926 Gaithersburg, MD 20883-3926
Fax: 301-251-0716

Registration Fees are as follows:		Oct. 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013	May 1, 2013 to May 31, 2013
Templar Registration - Fee Includes:	Grand Prior's Reception and Banquet (Cash Bar)	\$250.00	\$275.00
Guest - Fee Includes:	Grand Prior's Reception and Banquet (Cash Bar)	\$225.00	\$265.00
Wednesday Night Reception Includes: EXTRA CHARGE IF ATTENDING	At Positano Coast Hors D'oeuvres + (Cash Bar)	\$45.00	\$45.00
Thursday Night Dinner Cruise: EXTRA CHARGE IF ATTENDING	Aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia (Cash Bar)	\$85.00	\$95.00
Saturday Extra Banquet Tickets Only	Extra Banquet Tickets solely for admittance to banquet event only	\$95.00	\$95.00

You are encouraged to register early as discounts are being offered as stated above for early registration.

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Your State		Your Country	
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Please list each guest separately and check the box for each event the guest will attend.

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Let Us Pray!

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

Amen

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