

# ARKANSAS SUPPLEMENT



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## 2009 Knights Commander of the Temple



Past Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas, SK James Graham (above) receiving the Knight Commander of the Temple from RESK Doug Mitchell, Departmental Commander, as Grand Commander Bill Jones, PGM, looks on.

RESK Johnny Savage, PGC also receiving the KCT from RESK Mitchell.

The Knight Commander of the Temple is the Grand Encampment's highest award to a Sir Knight for his contributions to Freemasonry.



**R.: E.: Grand Commander  
Burt F. Lee**



## Greetings, Sir Knights:

Again this year, our Grand Commander is asking his officer line to write these articles, in turn. This month's article is from our Grand Generalissimo, VESK Lee Stringfellow. *Editor*

- That life for our children and grandchildren is better and filled with goodness. Faith! - In my God, my Country, my Neighbors, my Family, my self and most importantly faith that right will prevail.

## Why be a Templar?

What is a Sir Knight? What separates him from other Masons? When we petition the Lodge we are asked to affirm our belief in a one true God and our belief in the immortality of the soul. So, when we talk about Christianity are we talking about a requirement to be a Mason? No, we are not. Only one branch of Masonry requires our declaration as a Christian and requiring all members to be Christians. That's right - Knights Templar. Therefore, I believe the first requirement in Templar Masonry is to conduct myself as a Christian toward all men. Easter Season has passed and our Grand Commander provided us with a great article pertaining to that Season. Christmas is not here yet so I can't write about that Season - thanks Johnny - so what can I say?

The characteristics so treasured during these special seasons are those that as a Sir Knight I am required to exhibit daily. Charity! - Not only to those in financial need but to those who are in need of moral support, forgiveness and love. Hope!

Numerous e-mails are sent daily giving great advice, professing the words of Jesus Christ as the true way, offering modern day parables, and expressing love. But there are many among us that are not Christians. I have faith in and hope that they will learn and respect the ways of my Lord and Savior even though they are of a different religion. Every time we open a Commandery we pray a special prayer - "His will be done on earth as it is in heaven". I will try to ever walk and act among men and as a Christian Mason - a Knight Templar, honoring the teachings of my Lord and Savior. Knowing in my heart that those whom I come into contact with will be affected by good or evil which ever I exhibit.

Disagree without being disagreeable. Uphold the leadership leading our fraternity. Believe in the good of men until they prove otherwise.

Lee Stringfellow, EGG  
Grand Commandery of Arkansas