

# Connecticut

S.K. Paul L. Chello  
Grand Commander



## Knighly News

S.K. Charles D. O'Neill, KCT, PGC  
cdoneill@snet.net

Sir Knights:

In the April supplement of the Connecticut Knighly News, I stated that my theme for the year would be the investigation of Templar lore and the meaning of many of its symbols and insignia such as the one with two knights astride a single horse that appears on the seal.

There are several hypotheses as to what the Templar seal showing two men astride a single horse means. One explanation, not widely accepted, is that the two knights on a single horse represented Hugues de Payens and Godfrey de Saint-Omer, two of the original nine knights who were based or lodged in the stable of the ruins of King Solomon's Temple. Hence the name Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon.

Contemporary legend held that the symbols represented the initial poverty of the order such that they could afford only a single horse for every two men. Again this explanation has little merit. The Rules of the Order from the onset stated that each Knight would be provided with arms, clothing, and three horses and no more. Another rule was that no Templars were allowed to share the same horse. Even the 'fraters servientes armiger' or men-at-arms, one of whom attended each knight, were allotted one horse each. Also, the Order very quickly became one of the richest organizations in Christendom. The Knights Templar were actually the first international bankers.

A third explanation suggests homosexuality within the Order since each knight took a vow of chastity. A fourth explanation is that the second knight is injured and is being aided by the first. Again, neither is widely accepted.

Next month I will continue with a discussion of the seal and the theory that the symbol of the two knights on a horse may be connected with Richard the Lion Heart and his conflict with Saladin in the Holy Land.

Yours in Templary,  
Paul L. Chello  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

## SAVE THE DATE !! Tuesday October 16, 2018

The Grand Commandery of CT has once again been given the opportunity to participate in the Boscov stores "Friends Helping Friends" project. Your Past Grand Commander, Clyde W. Kayser II and I, Lady A.J., agreed to do this project again. We are selling \$5.00 shopping passes which all goes to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The pass is for up to 25% off your purchases on Tuesday October 16th, 2018. Connecticut's store is located in Meriden at the Westfield Shopping Center – Meriden Square. Milford is supposed to get a store in September but not sure if it is on schedule. If interested in participating in this fund-raiser please mail your check made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Mrs. A.J. Kayser, 19 Adelaide Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708. (Clyde gets enough mail..haha!). Any questions call 203-754-8209. Thank you in advance for your support. Your Recorder of your Commandery will also have passes for sale at your meetings in June and September.

Sincerely,  
Lady AJ Kayser

### THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" everyone who again participated in this year's "Joyce Kluntz Memorial Bakeless Sale". Once again we were able to raise \$3,725.10. Again Sir Knights "THANK YOU". Also I would like to thank all who donated to this year's "Craft Room", we were once again able to raise \$1,543.00. We had some wonderful baskets and other goodies which were raffled off. And thank you to all who helped in the Craft Room and was greatly appreciated. See you all next year.

Lady Lori Cowie

### Connecticut State Dinner at the 67th Triennial

Sir Knights,

If you will be attending the Triennial in Indianapolis, and are planning to attend the Connecticut State Dinner, you need to make reservations with me. The dinner will be on Monday, August 20, 2018, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, at the Weber Grill Restaurant. The restaurant is about 3 blocks from the hotel. We are limited in number to the first 40 people who respond. Please email me ASAP if you will be attending and how many are in your party. My email address is: nelsoncraig@sbcglobal.net. I look forward to seeing you there.

Courteously,  
SK Craig R. Nelson  
Grand Senior Warden