

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MINNESOTA

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*“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”*

*-Proverbs 27:17*

Welcome to the vibrant season of Summer, where the Northern hemisphere bathes in sunlight while our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies embrace their solemn duties amidst the shadows. Although the days may be long, we, as Sir Knights of the esteemed order of Knights Templars, many of us do not rest during this season. Some among us administer degree work, others meticulously prepare for the approaching Fall, and some will proudly partake in Shrine parades, carrying our shared legacy for all to see.

In my role as your editor, I am committed to providing you with enriching content over the upcoming months, even as I Captain the Osman 4-Wheelers Club. Together with the dedicated efforts of Sir Knight Eric Erfourth, our education committee, and the insightful guidance of Reverend Ryan Stout, our esteemed Grand Prelate, we have diligently crafted the *Beauseant & Buckler*, a bi-weekly publication aimed at educating and keeping you abreast of the latest happenings within the Minnesota Commanderies. To receive this publication, please click on the following link: [Beauseant & Buckler](#) to sign up.

Out of the numerous Knights in Minnesota, we possess "successful" email addresses for 381 of them. Regrettably, only 195 of these individuals open our publication, on average. If you are reading this, I extend my deepest gratitude to you. It is challenging to fathom how many Knights take the time to visit our Grand Encampment's website to peruse these articles. Throughout the past year, feedback has been limited to a select few. Moreover, with the impending transition of the Knights Templar magazine to a bi-monthly print format, I ponder how this readership will be impacted.

Now, you may be wondering why I find myself upon this figurative soapbox. The answer is simple: I care. I care profoundly about Freemasonry—the values it embodies, the traditions it upholds, and the enduring spirit it fosters. I care about the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, and the Shriners. However, it is not solely due to their significant contributions to the world that my dedication endures. Rather, it is the personal transformation they have bestowed upon me that fuels my unwavering devotion.

In a world driven by self-serving instant gratification, I have discovered patience and prudence within the folds of our esteemed order. I believe that these virtues, often neglected in today's society, hold immense value and should be cherished. I care deeply because, without a shift in the trajectory of Freemasonry in Minnesota, we risk witnessing our membership dwindle to less than 1,000 Brethren within the next 20 years. This prospect fills me with unease, especially as I approach the celebration of my fifth year as a Master Mason on July 26th.

Therefore, I implore you, my fellow Knights, to join me in revitalizing our faith in this noble organization. Let us embrace our roles as custodians of its teachings, guardians of its legacy, and beacons of its principles. Together, we can restore the vitality of Freemasonry, ensuring its enduring presence for generations to come. Attend your Lodge meetings, partake in meaningful discussions, and extend invitations to those who seek enlightenment. Let us ignite the spark of curiosity within prospective candidates, guiding them on the transformative journey that lies before them.

The time for action is now, for the future of our beloved order rests in our hands. Together, we can bolster our ranks, fortify our foundations, and preserve the timeless wisdom that has guided Knights for centuries. Let us be the guardians of faith, the stewards of tradition, and the champions of Freemasonry's noble ideals.

May the path we tread be illuminated by the unwavering flame of our commitment, as we stand united as Sir Knights, upholding the sacred banner of faith, honor, and chivalry. Together, let us forge a future where the virtues of Freemasonry flourish, inspiring hearts, and transforming lives with the enduring light of our noble order.

Fraternally,

Sir Knight Scott Giannone

I leave you with some levity from (Lee, Jiji and Clair, Patrick) “The Knights Templar are Urgently Hiring” *The New Yorker*, 20th January 2022,

<https://www.newyorker.com/humor/daily-shouts/the-knights-templar-are-urgently-hiring>, Accessed 27th May 2023.

# *The Knights Templar Are Urgently Hiring*

Are you an independent worker? Are you looking to make a difference in the world? Are you interested in protecting the treasured Holy Grail? Then apply for a job with the Knights Templar today! Following a wave of resignations during the past year, we have several openings that urgently need to be filled.

## **About Us**

The Knights Templar have been the leading entrusted guardian of the Holy Grail for the past nine centuries. We are seeking hardworking recruits who have a passion for martyrdom and managing long-term projects. Hiree will be tasked with overseeing the safety of the Cup of Christ, held by Jesus at the Last Supper. (Specifics of the life-giving powers of the Grail will be covered during onboarding.)

We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Here are just some of the many perks you can expect:

- *Flexible work arrangement.* We understand that Americans are tired of long, stressful commutes and working out of musty, centuries-old castles. That's why we highly encourage all employees to work from home—as long as you remember to bring the Grail with you. We even offer reimbursement for expenses incurred while converting a corner of your living room into a sacred, hidden vault.
- *Health insurance.* We have a comprehensive, miracle-based health-insurance package that will give you peace of mind as you spend all of eternity protecting the blessed cup from unholy seekers, e.g. heretics, marauders, and TikTok influencers who wish to mix Diet Coke and Mentos in the Grail for clout.
- *Education.* We believe that all employees should have the opportunity to pursue further education and enlightenment. We will cover tuition for any course you take as long as it involves learning Aramaic.
- *Wellness program.* Your mental health and well-being are our top priorities. We offer a range of services to help you cope with the trauma of witnessing the unrighteous drink out of a decoy Grail and desiccate into dust before your very eyes.
- *Free cold brew and craft beers on tap.* Just don't drink them out of the Grail.
- *Vacation and paid time off.* We've heard the feedback from burned-out former employees and have taken it to heart. After only a hundred and fifty years of service, vacation automatically scales up to three weeks. Make the most of your generous P.T.O. with complimentary accommodations at any of our Transjordanian strongholds. And we don't differentiate between sick days and personal days, sparing you from the mortal sin of lying.
- *401(k) matching.* For every four hundred and one knaves you fell, the Order will give you four hundred and one little sips from the Grail toward retirement.
- *Generous signing bonus.* The promise of eternal life!

## **Essential Duties**

- Communicating complex concepts and ancient warnings clearly and sternly. May be required to engage in occasional light-to-moderate combat.

## **Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience in handling a sacred chalice is not necessary, but an interest in fancy drinking vessels is a plus.
- Can hoist a sword for hours at a time.
- Can impale the skulls of intruders with professionalism and a positive attitude.
- Vow of chastity is a must.

## **Salary**

- Thirty-five thousand dollars a year or commensurate with experience.

*Equal Employment Opportunity (E.E.O.), except for women, the unbaptized, and the sexually active. Third-born sons are particularly encouraged to apply.*