



# Tennessee Knight Templar News

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## South East York Rite Conference

Pictured Above - Delegation to the South East York Rite Conference and spouses.

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## The Partially Neglected Doctrine Pt. 1

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When we stand before the altar of Freemasonry for the first time, we are informed that the doctrines of Freemasonry are patriotism and brotherly love. As Sir Knights, we have historically excelled in exemplifying the doctrine of patriotism by participating in countless civic and community patriotic events, but where our fraternity as a whole tends to fall short is in illustrating the doctrine of brotherly love. While this opinion might seem outlandish to some, truly consider if you exhibit brotherly love daily, weekly, or even monthly in your life and inside your meetings.

The aspect of brotherly love that is becoming neglected more and more is fellowship. We have allowed ourselves to get into the vicious cycle of only showing up for our business meetings and immediately rushing back home afterwards. Regardless of the number of organizations or appendant bodies you belong to, the monotony of only having business meetings every month is a contributing force behind our membership's steady decline. No one wants to belong to an organization, much less attend meetings, where the only thing being discussed is the light bill, and then it is a race to see how quickly we can finish and get back home. If our Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery buildings are unlocked barely fifteen minutes before our meetings and locked back within 15 minutes of the last gavel, then we are truly doing a disservice to our fellow Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights. I have attended countless meetings where the goal was to beat the record for fastest meeting. It is a sad realization to know that our brothers are putting limits on the amount of time they are willing to spend with each other.

Undoubtedly we love our brothers and care about their well being, but we have to have times of sincere fellowship and truly break beyond only having surface relationships with each other. We have to endeavor to reach each other on a deeper level. Admittedly, I allowed myself to become a victim of complacency too. I accepted the fact that I'd be home shortly after the sound of the last gavel; because that was basically all I had ever known. That all changed when I visited a lodge in a neighboring district, and my expectations were forever changed.

To be continued next month...

Sir Knight Jesse Harper, KYCH

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# From the Grand Generalissimo

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## What Do You Need?

The Grand Commandery officers are resolved to work with our Commanderies to help them not only succeed but to prosper. We have examined the state of Templary in Tennessee and are convinced of several things.

1. We have not, in recent years, been accomplishing much.
2. Without a course change, Templary will disappear in Tennessee.
3. Templary is worth preserving.
4. There is nothing wrong with Templary, itself.
5. We are not doing Templary justice in this state.

We have studied the situation and have formulated a plan to revitalize Templary in Tennessee. However, the few of us you have chosen as your officers cannot make this happen by ourselves. The best we can do is to take the initiative to provide the Knights in the individual Commanderies the information and the resources to revitalize their Commandries and to provide meaningful Templar chivalric experiences for their members so that they can fully enjoy their lives as Christian Knights and benefit society as we all should.

- You need ideas about what to do to revitalize your Commandery? – We have them.
- You need more attention from the Grand Commandery? – We are providing Battalion leadership teams for this.
- You need more personal instruction in the conferral of the ritual? - Just ask.
- You need educational materials? - Give us a call.
- You need to know how to recruit new members? – We have a plan and the materials.
- You need to know how to engage your current members? – We have the answers.

We cannot provide you the:

- Manpower to revitalize your Commandery.
- The funds you will need.
- And especially the initiative to do something.

As Yoda the Jedi Master once said, “Do or do not – there is no try.”

What else do you need from us? Contact us, and let me know what you need from us.

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## Knight School Continues

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In lieu of their May stated meeting, DePayens Commandery conducted another session of Knight School. Following dinner, three Knight School modules were presented covering the history of Christianity which led up to the creation of the Ancient Templars, the world-wide structure of modern Templary and where we fit in, and the awards and medals of the Knight Templar uniform, including what they are and how they are awarded. In addition to their own Knights, one visiting Knight and one prospective Knight were in attendance.



If your Commandery would like to conduct a Knight school at your asylum, contact Sir Knight John Palmer, Grand Generalissimo for assistance. ([john.pgm97@gmail.com](mailto:john.pgm97@gmail.com)) A number of modules on various subjects are available, each 30 minutes long. This allows for as many as three different topics during a normal stated meeting time frame. It is not necessary that you open your commandery in order to conduct a Knight school, and prospective embers as well as inactive members are encouraged to attend.

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