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Brother knights: “join our campaign” to show our pride in our society of chivalry

by Sir Knight Roger S. Ross

Fellow Sir Knights,

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer. The whole country is heating up and we’re all living outside after our two year Covid induced hiding. As I prepared to attend a Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (a local Dodger Farm Team) baseball game this weekend, I had to decide which Templar baseball cap to wear and it got me to thinking: Why don’t I see more Knights Templar logos on articles of clothing ?

As we all know, in California we cannot ask anyone to join Masonry, but once an individual does join our Masonic Family, we can attempt to persuade him to join a myriad of other Masonic related organizations, including our fantastic York Rite and Knights Templar. I see many shirts and hats with our Square and Compass insignia proudly emblazoned thereon, and that’s definitely a good thing. However, I don’t see the Maltese Cross or the Cross and Crown that are so familiar to our fraternity on hardly anyone. This is the least expensive, yet probably the most visual form of “advertising” that our brotherhood can utilize.

In perusing my own closet and dresser, I found 12 shirts and 5 caps with the Shrine Emblem imprinted on them, but only three hats and three polo shirts with one of our Templar symbols. I, for one, am going to rectify that situation and I encourage my fellow

Sir Knights to join my little campaign to make Templarism more noticeable by having one of our symbols on many more articles of clothing that I wear. I've had strangers ask me what the Square and Compass or the Shrine Scimitar means, and it's a great ice breaker at social events where informal clothing is appropriate. Let's all give it a try...challenge your brother knights to "join our campaign" to show our pride in our society of chivalry.

August will again be a very busy month on my Templar Calendar as I have 6 events including 3 way Receptions, picnics, Barbeques, and just informal Templar gatherings to celebrate our beautiful country and California's fantastic weather. Has anyone seen a bathing suit with a Templar symbol on it...just asking. On August 26 I

will be presenting three separate members with their 50 year anniversary awards at a picnic in Lake Park, Huntington Beach down south, and a couple of Meritorious Service Medals up north, so I look forward to a joyous month.

Again, thank you Sir Knights and your ladies for all of the welcomes Lynn and I have received as we travel up and down our beautiful state, and I look forward to seeing those brothers and sisters yet to come.



Fraternally,

Roger S. Boss
Grand Commander

A SPECIAL NOTE TO GRAND OFFICERS :

Please note a change in our calendar for early 2024. The York Rite Officer's Conference will be held in Burbank this year on March 1st through the 3rd. That's a week earlier than originally scheduled. Please update your calendars.



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