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Social Order of the Beauceant:
 help restore this fantastic organization

by Sir Knight Roger S. Ross

Fellow Sir Knights,

Great news! Our new website is up and running by the time you read this. You can reach it at:

yorkriteca.org

Once there you can go to any of the York Rite Bodies and register for a new account (your old account will not work). Give it a try and see how you like it. If you have a problem or have any ideas that you believe might be of interest to others, let me know and I'll tell you who to contact if appropriate.

I am approximately 1/3rd of the way through my year and all is going very well. As I have stated before at the end of September I will be in Waco, Texas for the Social Order of the Beauceant Supreme Assembly. As many of you know, and unfortunately too many of you probably don't know, the Social Order of the Beauceant (S.O.O.B.) is the Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights Templar and consists of the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of our Sir Knights. At one time we had 22 Assemblies in California, today we have only one left which meets in Southern California. Our *Grand Master* of the Grand Encampment is encouraging us to help restore this



fantastic organization, so I urge all of you to speak to eligible ladies of your acquaintance and start a list locally in each Commandery, or group of Commanderies in close proximity to each other. When you get twenty ladies willing to start a local

assembly, please contact me and I will get the wheels rolling through the Supreme Assembly to form a new assembly. I know the one down south has been very helpful to the Commanderies in Department II, and occasionally Department I. Let's give it a try Sir Knights!

I was disheartened to see a fellow Knight state uncategorically "No, the Knights Templar did not found the Freemasons....there is no historical evidence to support this claim." I have eaten breakfast at least twenty times in the month of September but THERE IS NO HISTORICAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THAT CLAIM! As I have stated before it's not likely that a Secret Organization that has been condemned in Europe and had it's members tortured and executed are going to be reduced to writing where they went and how they re-formed their organization and what they called it! The only evidence available will be circumstantial. As I promised last month, here are a few more authors and books for your perusal if you are interested in Ancient Templar history and it's potential ties to the formation of Freemasonry.

Robert Lomas, who became a Freemason in 1986, has written a series of books, some alone and some with Christopher Knight, that are all very compelling to those of us on this journey of potential discovery. The Hiram Key, Turning The Solomon Key, and Turning the Templar Key (Subtitled The Secret Legacy of the Knights Templar and the Origins of Freemasonry) are 3 great examples. The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry by S. Brent Morris (a 33rd degree Mason) and Freemasons for Dummies by Christopher Hodapp both have interesting sections dealing with the possible Templar/Freemason connection. I am now chasing down books written by Sanford Holst like Sworn In Secret: Freemasonry and the Knights Templar which have been recommended to me but I have not yet read. Conrad Bauer and Patrick Auerbach are two other authors coming highly recommended.

I invite any and all Sir Knights who have read other books along these lines to contact me and let me know your opinions. ✦



Fraternally,

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AMAZON LINKS TO BOOKS HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS ARTICLE:

Christopher Knight & Robert Lomas: *The Hiram Key* [<https://a.co/d/gj61rCT>]

Robert Lomas: *Turning the Solomon Key* [<https://a.co/d/4OIZJ73>]

Robert Lomas: *Turning the Templar Key* [<https://a.co/d/475DYrP>]

S. Brent Morris: *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry* [<https://a.co/d/j96z2Sj>]

Christopher Hodapp: *Freemasons for Dummies* [<https://a.co/d/ilyYvsr>]

Sanford Holst: *Sworn in Secret* [<https://a.co/d/bfqCKT7>]

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