



# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR LOUISIANA



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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

**To: The Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of Knights Templar of Louisiana**

**First let me express my appreciation to the Sir Knights in Louisiana for the participation in the Ascension Services.**

Trinity Commandery No. 8 Knights Templar held their Ascension Feast at the Temple on Horseshoe Drive in Alexandria. Pastor Sam West who we helped sponsor on the last Holy Land Pilgrimage was present to share his experience with us and to offer an Ascension message.

The Houma Festival brought in 14 new Sir Knights. I would like to thank everyone who helped and attended.

We need to continue to work on:

1. Membership – Recruit, Restore, Retain
2. MMS Roster – Communication for Retention (emails, phone numbers, and addresses)
3. Building an excel spreadsheet that has a list of all Knight Templars listed with contact information - next is a list of all those who were Sir Knights we might Restore
4. 100% Knight Templar Eye Foundation \$3300 dollars to go 200% \$31,560 participation goals
5. Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund to underwrite annual ordained minister pilgrimages so any commandery may be successful with their nomination
6. Educational Programs every month – Again, Retention
7. Festivals – Fun and Recruitment

PGC Keith Gates established the Holy land Pilgrimage medal endowment fund as an integral part of our completely new Constitution approved in 2019. We need to promote that endowment fund so that we can build our foundation that helps send an ordained minister to the holy land every year. We have established a method to make small recurring credit card payments with Sir Knight Scotty Adams [S2HScotty@gmail.com](mailto:S2HScotty@gmail.com) , Sir Knight Wilson Cook [wilsoncook@icloud.com](mailto:wilsoncook@icloud.com), and the Monroe Valley to make monthly credit card payments until you reach \$1,000. We also have other ways that a Sir Knight can achieve the medal with monthly payments. If interested please contact the Grand Recorder or your Local Recorder. Our goal is for at least 10% of all Sir Knights wearing this medal at the Grand Conclave next year.

South Central will be held in Sam's Town, Shreveport, la. September 16-18, 2022. As soon as the meals get approved, we will have the information on the web site. We need to attend and represent Louisiana with the most Sir Knights.

If you are a Facebook member or you have friends that are, please have them like our page. We are now at 1800. I would like to reach 5000 this year. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lagrandyorkritebodies/>

The Monthly New Letter will be adding a Bio of the elected Line Officers and we begin with our Grand Junior Warden, C. Kenneth Dorhauer

C. Kenneth Dorhauer, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Of the State of Louisiana.

Born in Hahira, Georgia, February 9, 1955, a small town in southern part of the state outside of Moody Field Air Force base where my father was stationed. I grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where I attended Istrouma High School '73 and LSU, now residing in Denham Springs, La.

Family includes my strength and wife Bobbie, 6 children and 8 grandchildren.

Employed as an Operator (17 yrs.) then transferring to Inspection Department (19 yrs.) where I retired with 36 years of service with Exxon Mobil Baton Rouge Refinery.

Masonic History includes but not limited to: Denham Springs Lodge #297, Past Master; Past District Deputy Grand Master; Past and current District Grand Lecturer of the 19<sup>th</sup> Masonic District; Member of Baton Rouge Valley of Scottish Rite; Charter member of Acacia Shrine Temple Baton Rouge; York Rite Bodies (Hammond Chapter #48, Joseph W. Robinson Council #36, St. Paul Commandery #27) Hammond, La and KYCH. Also, member of several Appendant and Allied Bodies associated with York Rite.

Family history shows that my Great grandfather who migrated from Germany was a member of Amite City Lodge #175 and Kenneth Commandery #9 which was located in Hammond, La; now known as St. Paul #27

It is an Honor and Privileged to have been elected as Grand Junior Warden this year and I am devoted to serve Sir Knights and Knight Templary.

***With God's Grace,***

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**I am sending this out to each Knight Templar in the state of Louisiana. I hope to encourage you to attend your next Commandery meeting. Please let me know if I can assist you in any way. My phone # is 985-860-9308.**

Always remember to put on the Armor of God, (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Onward Christian Soldiers  
Charles Bertrand, REGC, Grand Commandery, Louisiana  
"Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life"









