



Tennessee Knight Templar News

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee - Billy Barnett Young, Grand Commander



New Look for our Tennessee News

As you are aware, the "State Supplement" formerly found in the Knight Templar Magazine is now an online-only publication. This new format has allowed us to restructure our news and will give us more flexibility to include pictures, news items, and articles than we had before. To submit articles, please contact the Editor at KTNews.GCTN@yahoo.com. Photos are preferred sent as jpeg, and documents in Word. We look forward to sharing what is happening in your individual Commanderies in this new format.

West Tennessee Fall Festival Knights 29

The West Tennessee Association held a One-Day Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30. At this time all the Degrees were conferred and 29 were knighted. The festival had been postponed from an earlier date and several candidates had waited quite some time to take the Degrees and Orders. Pictured are REGC Bill Young (front center) along with several of his Officers, and the class. Congratulations to these new Knights!



Prelate's Station

Do you believe the Word of God enough to live by it? Jesus in his encounters with the great deceiver Satan always responded with "It is written." In fact, he used this phrase some 30 times as recorded in scripture. With this He set the example for us when we are faced with challenges, disappointments, fear, or whatever may come into our lives.

Sometime back I was told that "perhaps I cling to tightly to that book called the Bible." Needless to I say I was taken aback, shocked, hurt and even frustrated. But, I remembered what Jesus said - "It is written."

God's word is what sustains, comforts and strengthens me in life. It is the light that guides me through darkness, it compels me to lay all at the foot of the cross, my pride, my ego, my self-desires, my heart. It teaches we are either the friend of God or the friend of the world, we can't be both.

The evil of this world should not be a surprise to us, the fallen nature of man is displayed on the canvas of life for all to see. The question for us as followers of Jesus is, what will you do with the Words that are written? There is no middle ground, the Christian walk is not a buffet where we get to skip the asparagus, obedience to God is all or nothing.

We are compelled to a deliberate faithful obedience to God. Anything less is to fall short of Gods holy expectations. Joshua told the people of Israel "choose you this day whom you will serve."

As the Knight in the Indiana Jones movie *The Last Crusade* said, "choose wisely." God is waiting, watching, and listening. Our faith is more than lip service, it is obedience and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus. I Love each and every one of you and there is not a thing you can do to change it.

In Christ's Love,
Terry Plemons
Grand Prelate

Tennessee Shines at Supreme Assembly

Tennessee Knights and Masons were present at the 100th Celebratory session of the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Kingsport, TN September 26-October 1, 2021. This year’s gathering of members represented over 25 states and is an elite group of ladies which supports Knights Templar across the country. There is one such Assembly in Tennessee: Kingsport No. 244, which was part of the Hostess Group for this event at Marriott’s Meadowview Conference and Convention Resort.

Tennesseans are proud of Susan (Mrs. Chuck) Thames on being elected Supreme Worthy President for the upcoming year, and our own Grand Officers were honored to present the Colors at the opening of the session.

During the week, Sir Knights and Ladies enjoyed the area with tours of Bristol Motor Speedway, Birthplace of Country Music Museum, and Bristol’s Historic Burger Bar, as well as, Rocky Mount Historical Site. Many Knights took advantage of World Class Golf at Meadowview.

Kingsport No 244 was pleased to welcome their newest member, (Mrs. Joe) Laurel Harrison, who was initiated during the weekly festivities.



President Susan Thames with TLC Chuck



Kingsport Sisters are shown here with their newest member, initiated Thursday, Sept 30 by the Supreme Officers. Pictured are (front l-r): (Mrs. Clifford) Tabatha McMillan; (Mrs. Larry) Patricia Mick; new member, (Mrs. Joe) Laurel Harrison; (Mrs. L. Bruce) Peggy Austin; (Mrs. Jerold P.) Lawanna Johnson. Also shown are (standing l-r): (Mrs. Douglas M) Barbara Skeens; (Mrs. Herbert) Debbie Kennedy; (Mrs. Charles M) Susan Thames; (Mrs. Donald G.) Janet Clayman; and (Mrs. Gary W.) Carolyn “Susie” Coates.

Here we see Kingport No. 244 members waiting for installation of 2021-2022 Supreme Officers: pictured (l-r) are: (Mrs. Larry) Patricia Mick, President; (Mrs. Joe) Laurel Harrison; (Mrs. Carroll) Trudy Mick, PP; (Mrs. Donald G.) Janet Clayman, PP; (Mrs. Douglas M) Barbara Skeens, PP; (Mrs. Clifford) Tabatha McMillan, PP; (Mrs. Herbert) Debbie Kennedy, PP; (Mrs. James) Deb Pulley; (Mrs. Jerold P) Lawanna Johnson.





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Tennessee Grand Commandery officers and Sir Knights from across the state were present to present the Colors and provide an Arch of Steel at the October 1st Installation ceremony of Supreme Worthy President, (Mrs. Charles M.) Susan Thames. Pictured are: SK John C. Spencer, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; SK Johnny Smith PC, Kingsport No. 33, SK John Simmons, Eminent Grand Captain General; SK Clarence Crump REPGK; SK Billy Young, Right Eminent Grand Commander; SK Charles M. Thames, REPGC and official TLC of the Supreme Worthy President; (Mrs. Charles M.) Susan Thames, Supreme Worthy President 2021-2022; SK James Saults PC, Greeneville No. 43 ; SK Robert Waldron PGC, RE Southeastern Dept Commander, Grand Encampment KT USA; SK Bill Hockett JW, Kingsport No. 33; SK Jerold Johnson PC, Paris No. 16; not pictured: SK Robert Beam Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

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*Sir Knights, Ladies and My Beauceant Sisters,
Thank you so much for your presence in Kingsport during the week of Supreme Assembly. While everyone present may not be pictured here, your presence will forever be etched in my memory and your prayers, support and encouragement are appreciated more than you will ever know. Always remember Galatians 6:9, "Let us continue every good work, for we shall reap in due season if we faint not".*

*(Mrs. Charles M.) Susan Thames
Supreme Worthy President
Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant
2021-2022*

