

Social Order of the Beauceant



2022 Grand Encampment Department Conferences

Membership Eligibility

Knight Templar	
Wives	Widows
Mothers	Sisters
Daughters	Granddaughters

Beauceant Sister	
Mothers	Sisters
Daughters	Granddaughters

How We Started

Our order was originally started in 1890 at the suggestion of the Commandery in Denver, Colorado. The Sir Knights of Denver were to host the 25th Triennial Conclave for the Grand Encampment to be held in their city in **August of 1892**. As the only commandery in Denver, and with a membership of less than 300, the Sir Knights felt they were a little over-whelmed, so they went to their wives for help!

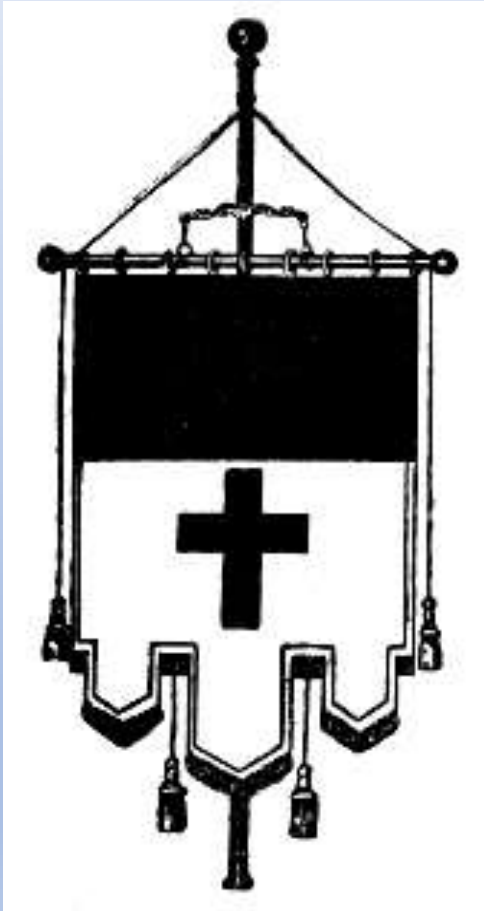
S.O.O.B

- The ladies held their first official meeting in February of 1890 and adopting the name "**Some Of Our Business**". And, so the **S.O.O.B.** was formed! They worked diligently for nearly 2 years to make the Triennial a great success
- After the Triennial, the ladies so enjoyed their work, that they did not disband after the Triennial, but continued operating for 'the purpose of making life purer, sweeter, and better for others'. The Society remained a small, loyal, local band of ladies, doing good in the area, and assisting their Commandery.

The Beginning of the Social Order of the Beauceant

- At the 1913 Triennial Conclave, which was again held in Denver and the ladies were once again the driving force behind the arrangements.
- Changing our name to associate with Knights Templar, the ladies looked to the banner carried by the Templars. Thus the Social Order of the Beauceant was chosen as their new name.
- They voted at that time to expand their Order due to the overwhelming requests from across the country during the 21 years since their previous involvement.

Reflecting Knights Templar



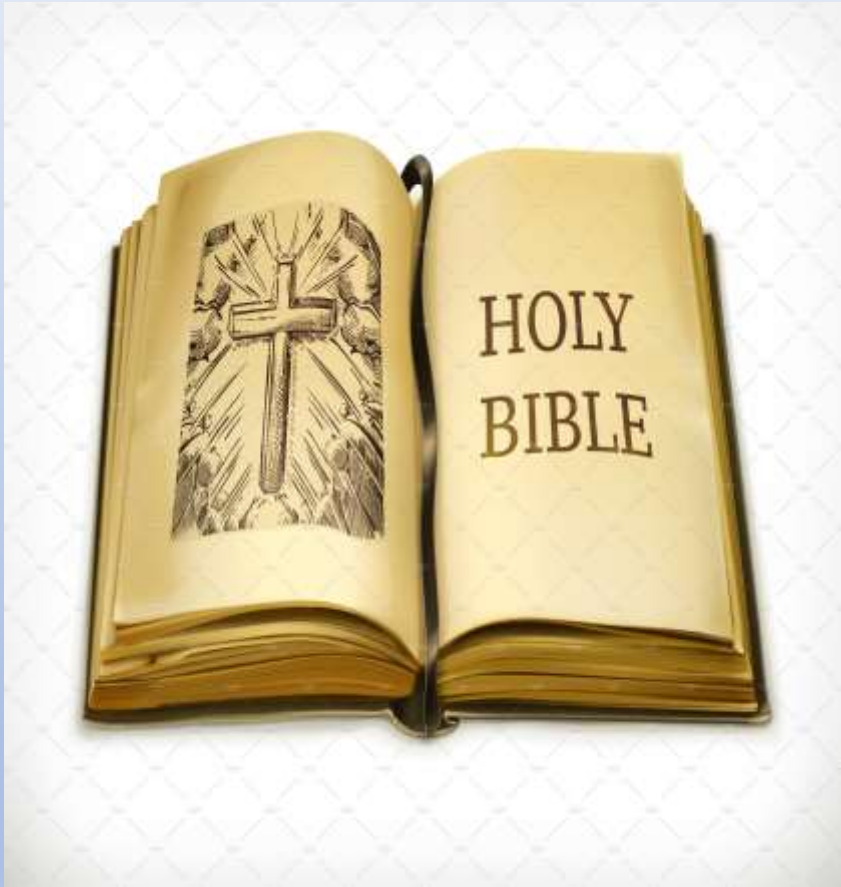
- The Standard of our Order reflects that of the Templars. It is both ancient and honorable and was carried by the Templars of old.
- Their most sacred oath was by the Beauceant.
- We carry it before us to remind us of our duty to God, for there is still a great need of defense of the cross.

Our Colors



- The Colors of our Order are Red, White, and Black.
- The ancient Beauceant was often in the form of 2 parallel bars – one black the other white – to this we have added a bar of red to symbolize our love for God, the Order of Knight Templar and each other.
- It inspires us in giving assistance in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and binding the wounds of the afflicted.

The Bible



- We open and close the Bible with a prayer when we meet.
- The altar needs no explanation except that it is covered with the Templar Cross and holds the Holy Bible with the New Testament facing up - a symbol of our Christian Order.

Our Ritual



- The ritual of our order tells the story of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ who became known as the Knights Templar.
- They dedicated their lives to the protection of the men, women, and children during their pilgrimages to and from the Holy places sanctified by our Lord.

Assembly Robes



- The ancient brotherhood which became known as the Knights of the Temple were robed in white to symbolize their purity and candor and wore a red cross to signify their willingness to shed their blood for Christianity.
- So are we robed in white and wear a red cross on our left breast.

Emblem of our Order



- Our emblem is the Cross and Crown and our crosses; The Passion, Patriarchal, and Salem; are the same as those used by the Knight Templars.

Philanthropy

- We adopted the Knight Templar Eye Foundation as our official Charity in 1957 and the Order has raised over 3.5 million dollars for this cause.
- Each Assembly also picks worthy causes in their area to support.
- In our commitment to “making life better and sweeter for others” our ladies give over 50 thousand volunteer hours every year.

132 Years!



- Our Order is 132 years old!
- Our order does not have state hierarchies, but has a national governing body, which is called The Supreme Assembly, which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2020.

How Can You Help

Encourage the ladies in your life to join us!

Invite the local Assembly in your area to attend your functions and participate in your services.

Attend their important events