

# TEMPLAR NEWS - OMSDT

• AUGUST 2025 • VOLUME 4 • ISSUE 8 • FRONT PAGE •

## OMSDT CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**THURS AUG 7 ROUND TABLE**  
**SAT AUG 9 ZOOM INVESTITURE**

**SUN AUG 10 BIBLE STUDY**

**THURS AUG 21 ROUND TABLE**

**SUN AUG 24 BIBLE STUDY**

ROUND TABLES AND BIBLE STUDIES

| 6 PM PACIFIC | 7 PM MOUNTAIN |

| 8 PM CENTRAL | 9 PM EASTERN |

ZOOM LINKS WILL BE POSTED

ON BELIEFBOOK



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**  
**OMSDT ORDER-WIDE DAY**  
**OF CHARITABLE SERVICE**

## TEMPLAR ACADEMIE

*"CHRIST-FOCUSED IN ALL THAT WE DO"*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THESE MEMBERS FOR COMPLETING  
ACADÉMIE CLASSWORK IN THE  
MONTH OF JULY 2025



JOSEPH BOYD (CAA Classes)  
CASEY BURNS (CAA Classes)  
FAISAL SAJJAD (CAA Classes)  
TIMOTHY HOOPER (CAA Classes)  
RICHARD ROLLER (SAA Classes)  
ERIC HARTMAN (CAA Classes)



# TEMPLAR NEWS - OMSDT

• AUGUST 2025 • VOLUME 4 • ISSUE 8 • PAGE 2 OF 7 •

## ARISE A KNIGHT!



On, Saturday, July 19, 2025, the Order was blessed to have four members receive their Accolade of Knighthood.

The ceremony was held via Zoom, led by Grand Prior Derek Nordio and spanned three Pories from the U.S. - St. Joan of Arc, St. Michael the Archangel, and St. Sebastian.

Along with Priory leaders participating in the knighting of their own Priory members, Grand Secretary Reneé Nordio and Grand Chaplain Kelmy Rodriquez also performed ceremonial duties.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Sir John Scivoletti** (above left), from California, and the Priory of St. Joan of Arc, was knighted by his Priory leader, Prior William Ryan.

**Sir Eric Fletcher** (bottom left), from Colorado, and the Priory of St. Joan of Arc, was knighted by his Priory leader, Prior William Ryan.



## ARISE A KNIGHT!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Sir Paul Aguilar** (at left), from Pennsylvania, and the Priory of St. Michael the Archangel, was knighted by his Priory leader, Prior Michael Glenn.

**Sir Bryan Cuillerier** (bottom left), from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and the Priory of St. Sebastian was knighted by his Priory leader, Prior Bruce Bennett.

In addition to those who participated in the ceremonies and the knight aspirants, we were blessed to have several Order members in attendance, helping to make the event even more special for the new knights.





---

# TEMPLAR NEWS - OMSDT

---

· AUGUST 2025 · VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 8 · PAGE 5 OF 7 ·

---



Mother Teresa became an emblem of Christian generosity as a result of her work with Calcutta's (renamed Kolkatta in 2001) impoverished people. It made her an instantly recognizable figure around the world.

She passed away on September 5, 1997, at the age of 87. The International Day of Charity was first marked by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.

Since we have a large number of members who are employed, the day of September 5th would likely fall on a day during the work week in several years, therefore we have chosen the second Saturday of every September as our Order's Day of Charitable Service. Alternatively, if a members' community has an organized event anytime in the month of September that they could become involved, that day would also be most acceptable.

The charitable service or volunteer work may consist of a variety of things; generally works of service that would best serve each members' own community, for a minimum of four hours, if possible.

A service project could include pickin up trash around a park or hiking path, volunteering at a homeless shelter, cutting or stacking firewood for an elderly neighbor, or helping at an animal shelter. There are tons of ideas if we just look around or ask.

Here is just one website that offers a variety of service project ideas:  
<https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/community-service-project-ideas>

**AN INFORMATIONAL SHEET IN .PDF FORMAT CAN BE FOUND ON BELIEFBOOK UNDER "DOCUMENT BROWSE PAGES" AT THE TOP OF THE HOME PAGE. CONTACT YOUR PRIORY LEADER IF YOU NEED MORE INFO.**

---

## FEATURED BELIEFBOOK POST



Thank you, Sir Eric Fletcher, from the Priory of St. Joan of Arc, for the post you made on 7-28-25. ~GSY Renee' Nordio

Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was a French abbot, theologian, and reformer who played a pivotal role in the development of Christian mysticism and the Cistercian Order. Born into a noble family in Fontaine-lès-Dijon, France, Bernard was educated at the monastery of Citeaux. In 1115, he joined the Cistercian Order and became the abbot of Clairvaux, where he established a reputation for his piety, humility, and leadership.

Bernard's involvement with the Knights Templar, was significant. In the early 12th century, Hugh de Payens, the founder of the Templars, sought Bernard's support for his new Order. Bernard wrote "In Praise of the New Knighthood", a treatise that provided spiritual justification for the Templars' military role and emphasized the importance of their commitment to chivalry, monastic discipline, and service to the Lord.

Through his writings and influence, Bernard helped to legitimize the Templars and promote their mission. He advocated for the Templars' unique blend of military and monastic vocations, arguing that their role was essential to the protection of Christian pilgrims and the defense of the faith. Bernard's support played a crucial role in the Templars' growth and recognition.

His involvement with the Poor Knights of Christ reflects his broader commitment to the defense of Christendom and the promotion of Christian values. As a prominent figure in the Catholic Church, Bernard's endorsement of the Templars helped to establish them as a respected and influential military order in the medieval world.

- **SIR** *Eric Fletcher*

---

## OMSDT LEADERSHIP

### ORDER LEADERSHIP

**Grand Master (GM)**  
Rick Trujillo

**Grand Prior (GP)**  
Derek Nordio

**Grand Seneschal (GS)**  
Mark Snurr

**Grand Secretary (GSY)**  
Reneé Nordio

**Grand Turco (GT)**  
Marc Blaydoe

**Grand Chaplain (GC)**  
Fr. (John) Kelmy Rodriquez

### PRIORY LEADERSHIP

**Priory of St. Luke**  
Grand Seneschal (GS)  
Mark Snurr

**Priory of King David**  
Grand Secretary (GSY)  
Reneé Nordio

**Priory of St. Sebastian**  
Prior Bruce Bennett

**Priory of St. Michael the Archangel**  
Prior Michael Glenn

**Priory of Joan of Arc**  
Prior William Ryan

**Priory of St. Helena**  
Master Commander (MC)  
Amanda Moreno

**Priory of the Calvary Cross**  
Master Commander (MC)  
Michael Creel

**Priory of the Holy Trinity**  
Master Commander (MC)  
Nicholis Ahik

**All International Priories**  
Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

