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OMSDT CALENDAR

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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
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BIBLE STUDIES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Dates, time, and Zoom links will be posted on BB. Grand Prior will lead our first one, illustrating the new format for what we hope will include more interaction and discussion among members.

THURS AUG 6 ROUND TABLE THURS AUG 20 ROUND TABLE

| 6 PM PACIFIC | 7 PM MOUNTAIN |
| 8 PM CENTRAL | 9 PM EASTERN |
ZOOM LINKS WILL BE POSTED
ON BELIEFBOOK



SAT AUG 8 ST. HELENA INVESTITURE

ALL ORDER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. IF YOU'LL BE NEAR OR WANT TO TRAVEL TO BELTON, TX, PLEASE CONTACT PRIOR AMANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A ZOOM LINK FOR A LIVE STREAM WILL BE PROVIDED ON BELIEFBOOK.

TEMPLAR ACADEMIE

"CHRIST-FOCUSED IN ALL THAT WE DO"

Congratulations!

(AS REPORTED TO GSY RENEE' NORDIO BY GML MARC BLAYDOE)

MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED CLASSES
IN MAY BUT GSY MISSED REPORTING IT.
OOPS! MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES!

BRIAN JOHNSON (CAA Classes)
BILL MULLINS (CAA Classes)

MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED CLASSES
THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE BUT
TOO LATE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
JULY NEWSLETTER

JAMES DAVIS (SAA Classes)

MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED
CLASSES IN THE MONTH OF JULY

MICHAEL GREEN (SAA Classes)
ROBERT VACHIO (CAA Classes)
MICHAEL ADAMS (CAA Classes)
JOHN SANTELLAN (CAA Classes)
MARK MALASZCZYK (CAA Classes)
BARBIE LeBRUN (SAA Classes)
DIRK VAN HALL (CAA Classes)
ANDREW DANNENBERGER (CAA Classes)
MICHAEL BIERMAN (CAA Classes)
BRENDAN RUMPH (CAA Classes)
RANDY CARLISLE (SAA Classes)
TIMOTHY HOWARD (CAA Classes)
ROBERT HERNANDEZ (CAA Classes)

LEADERSHIP NEWS



Congratulations, GML Marc Blaydoe

On July 4, 2026, Grand Prior was pleased to announce the appointment of Marc Blaydoe from Holy Trinity Priory to the position of Grand Marshal. He previously held the position of Grand Turco but the duties of the Grand Marshal are actually more aligned with the duties GML does in overseeing the Academie. The Grand Marshal position is 3rd in command of the Order. GML Marc has shown his dedication and commitment to the Order since joining in December 2022.



Congratulations, GT Nicholis Ahik

On July 19, 2026, Grand Prior was pleased to make yet another appointment of Nicholis Ahik, Prior of the Holy Trinity Priory, to the position of Grand Turco. His duties will include hosting the Round Tables, setting up Zoom links for Priory meetings, and monitoring the Order chats. The Grand Turco position is 4th in command of the Order. GT will continue to serve as the Prior for Holy Trinity Priory. GT Nicholis has shown his dedication and commitment to the Order since joining in October 2022.

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Priory of **ST. MICHAEL** the Archangel

A few members from the St. Michael the Archangel Priory gathered together for a picnic and fellowship on July 11, 2026, at the Valley Forge National Historic Park near King of Prussia, PA.



MC Paul Aguilar



Priory Motto
Fortitudo
et Honor
(Strength and Honor)

From l to r: CAA William (BJ) Cody, Sir Rich Roller, 1SGT Eric Hartman, Lisa Hartman (1SGT Eric's wife), MC Paul Aguilar



From l to r: Susan Loos sitting next to her husband, CAA Michael Loos, CAA William (BJ) Cody, SGT Daniel Turner, SGT David Cramer, Sir Rich Roller, Lisa Hartman



From l to r: Lisa Hartman, 1SGT Eric Hartman, Susan Loos, CAA Michael Loos



From l to r:
Sir Rich Roller,
SGT Daniel
Turner,
SGT David
Cramer



From l to r:
1SGT Eric
Hartman, Lisa
Hartman,
MC Paul
Aguilar, SGT
David Cramer,
CAA Michael
Loos



ARISE A KNIGHT!



On, Saturday, July 18, 2026, the Order was blessed to have seven members receive their Accolade of Knighthood.

The ceremony was held via Zoom, led by Grand Prior Derek Nordio and spanned three Priories from the U.S. - St. Joan of Arc, St. Michael the Archangel, and St. Luke, as well as three International Priories - St. Evaristus (Asia), St. Romero (Latin America), and the Grand Priory of Europe.

Along with Priory leaders participating in the knighting of their own Priory members, Grand Marshal Marc Blaydoe, Grand Secretary Reneé Nordio and Chaplain for the Grand Priory of Europe, Jade Sandberg, also performed ceremonial duties.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lady Dina Scivoletti (above left), from California and the Priory of St. Joan of Arc, was knighted by her Priory leader, Grand Prior Derek Nordio.

Sir Faisal Sajjad (bottom left), from Pakistan and the Priory of St. Evaristus, was knighted by his Priory leader, Grand Prior Derek Nordio.



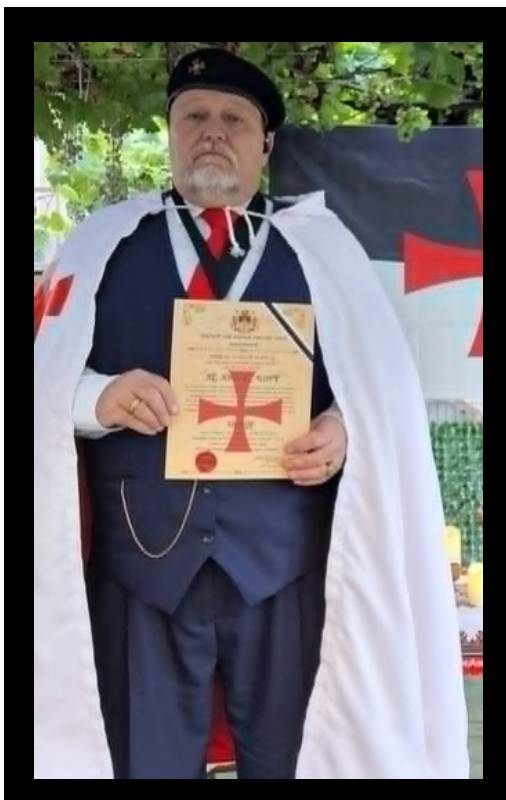
ARISE A KNIGHT!

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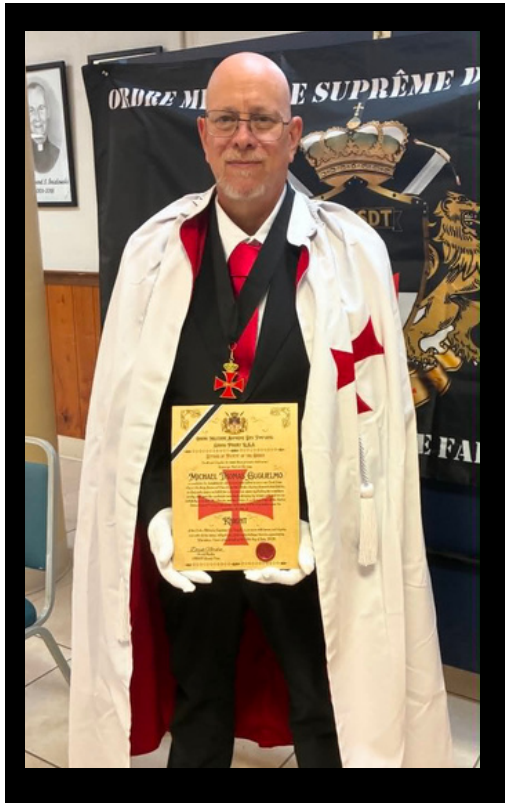
Sir Lakeem Khodra (at left), from St. Lucia and the Priory of St. Romero, was knighted by his Priory leader, Grand Prior Derek Nordio.

Sir Philip Trasher (bottom left), from Bulgaria and the Grand Priory of Europe, was knighted by his Priory leader, Grand Prior Derek Nordio.

Sir Michael Barnett (bottom right), from Virginia and the Priory of St. Luke, was knighted by his Priory leader, Master Commander Joseph DePiero.



ARISE A KNIGHT!



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sir Michael Guglielmo (at left), from Connecticut and the Priory of St. Michael the Archangel, was knighted by his Priory leader, Master Commander Paul Aguilar.

Sir Eric Hartman (at right), from Pennsylvania and the Priory of St. Michael the Archangel, was knighted by his Priory leader, Master Commander Paul Aguilar.

The ceremony had a wonderful attendance by many members of the Order. It's always very inspiring to see members be rewarded for their hard work to earn their knighthood.

More knights to the Order will be added on August 8th in Texas when St. Helena has their Priory Investiture, and still more knights will be added at Conclave in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 12th.

FEATURED BELIEFBOOK POST



I loved both of these two posts from July 16, 2026. Short, to the point and impactful! Thanks, brothers Bill and Matt! ~GSY Renee'

Evening Brothers and Sister, Wednesday came and went quickly today. IMPATIENCE: what are some of the consequences.

God uses life circumstances to develop your patience. Patient waiting is harder than running ahead, but it may keep you from running into disaster. Saul's impatience led him to sin and caused him to lose his kingdom. Learning to wait is difficult, but the only way to learn patience is to practice it---by waiting. - from One-Minute with GOD.

"Don't be impatient for the LORD to act! Travel steadily along His path. He will honor you, giving you the land." - Psalm 37:34

CAA Bill Mullins

Priory of the Holy Trinity

Dieu Avec Nou

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

This is The Commissioning of the Disciples. Before His ascension into heaven, Christ left His chosen 12 with this command. This passes down to us in present days. We must share the Word of God with others, in hope of sharing God's unconditional love, and His grace & mercy with all humanity. This is my part. We will start with the above Gospel verse for this afternoon. May God Bless you all. 🙏✝️

CAA Matt Renaldo

Priory of St. Michael the Archangel

Fides Et Veritas

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OMSDT Knights Templar has set aside the second Saturday of every September as our Day of Charitable Service. It may just be August now, but September is just around the corner.



If you're regionally close to other Priory members, please brainstorm with one another to come up with a project that you all can do together. If you're not close to any members, please come up with a project you can do individually or by inviting friends and family to help you out.

As well as spreading the love of Christ in our communities and making charitable monetary donations, performing works of charitable service is a very important aspect of the purpose of our Order.

Although we encourage charitable service by our members as often as is possible, the second Saturday of every September will be an Order-wide event in which all members will participate.

The second Saturday of every September was chosen based on the information about the International Day of Charity's event, in which people around the world observe the death anniversary of Mother Teresa, which was September 5th. International Day of Charity was created with the intention of inspiring individuals and organizations from all corners of the globe to engage in charitable and volunteer work. This is a mission our Order fully supports.

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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 in the month of September that they could become involved, that day would also be most acceptable. Also, the second Sunday of the month is also 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.

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

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Below are a set of specific instructions on how members are to report their service projects. For the maintenance of Order records, OMSDT members are asked to make a report to their

Priory leader summarizing their service project. Priory leaders will, in turn, submit all service project reports they receive from their members to the Grand Secretary by Thursday, September 24, 2026, so she may add the information to our recordkeeping and history of projects, as well as making a full report in our monthly newsletter. The service reports should include:



Date, location, names of those who participated, description of the service work performed, length of time spent on service project for each member, and a few photos of members working at the physical location. Also, members should keep any receipts for expenses they personally incur for their charitable works of service, such as tools or supplies purchased for the charitable work (not for reimbursement, but for a matter of recordkeeping regarding our non-profit status), and submitting those photos and receipt copies, along with the report to their Priory leader.

Below is an example of a Service Project Report:

Service Project Report for ABC Priory, OMSDT Knights Templar
9-9-23

Ridgeview Campground, Ridgeview, MA

Members who participated: Martin Vinson, Cathy Walker, and Franklin Browne

Project: With permission from the camp host, Victor Peterson, we picked up trash all around the campground; community areas such as picnic tables and hiking and walk paths; honoring the privacy of all campers.

Martin Vinson and Franklin Browne 4 hours each and Cathy Walker 2 hours. We provided our own trash bags and left the trash with the camp host to be properly disposed of with the regular campground trash. We incurred no expenses and two pictures will be scanned and sent to our Priory leader, Dennis Hampton.

If members should have any questions at all regarding the Day of Charitable Service or questions about a service project, please ask your Priory leader. Members should make wise choices for their service project

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and never put themselves in a compromising or injurious situation with regard to their choice of a service project. Also, members should be aware that they should make all reasonable efforts to self-indemnify themselves while performing their service projects.

All service projects are done voluntarily and for God's glory.



For instance, if a member chooses to clean a park for his service project and he steps on a rusty nail and requires medical attention, a tetanus shot, and three days off from their job, it would be a very sad situation if that member sought a lawsuit against the city where the park is located, seeking damages with regard to the injury, medical reimbursement and loss of wages.

It would be an entirely different scenario; however, if a member is hit and run over by a moving vehicle, owned by the city and driven by a city park employee when the member was merely bending down in a park walkway to pick up a tossed piece of garbage and suffered a horrible, crippling and debilitating injury. So, please, make every effort to keep yourself safe and from harm during your service project. Let's make this day a day of heartwarming service with a desire to glorify God and to make our own communities a better place.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

-Luke 6:38

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

- 1 Peter 4:10

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ORDER LEADERSHIP

Grand Master (GM)

*Rick Trujillo

Grand Prior (GP)

*Derek Nordio

Grand Marshal (GML)

Marc Blaydoe

Grand Turco (GT)

Nicholis Ahik

Grand Secretary (GSY)

*Reneé Nordio

PRIORY LEADERSHIP

Priory of Joan of Arc

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

Priory of King David

Grand Secretary (GSY)

Reneé Nordio

Priory of St. Sebastian

Prior Bruce Bennett

PRIORY LEADERSHIP

Priory of St. Helena

Prior Amanda Moreno

Priory of the Holy Trinity

Prior Nicholis Ahik

Priory of St. Michael the Archangel

Master Commander (MC)

Paul Aguilar

Priory of the Calvary Cross

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

Priory of St. Luke

Master Commander (MC)

Joseph DePiero

Priory of St. Militiades-Africa

Master Commander (MC)

Louis Steyn

Priory of St. Evaristus-Asia

Priory of St. Romero

Grand Priory of Europe

Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio



*Executive Board Member