

TEMPLAR NEWS - OMSDT

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OMSDT CALENDAR

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			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 JUL 2 ROUND TABLE

THURS JUL 16 ROUND TABLE

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

SAT JULY 18

**Order-wide
Investiture**

VIA ZOOM

| 10 AM PACIFIC | 11 AM MOUNTAIN |
| 12 PM CENTRAL | 1 PM EASTERN |
ZOOM LINK WILL BE POSTED
ON BELIEFBOOK

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
KNIGHTS PLEASE WEAR YOUR MANTLES.
ALL OTHERS CASUAL DRESS.**

TEMPLAR ACADEMIE

"CHRIST-FOCUSED IN ALL THAT WE DO"

Congratulations!

AS REPORTED TO GSY RENEE' NORDIO BY GT MARC BLAYDOE

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

MICHAEL BARNETT (SAA Classes)
JOSE PENA (CAA Classes)
STEVEN CHRISTOPHER (SAA Classes)
JAMES STRAWN (SAA Classes)
ARTHUR ROLDAN (CAA Classes)
MICHAEL ROYAL (CAA Classes)
PARKER PEARSALL (CAA Classes)
SAMUEL DOUGHTY (CAA Classes)
MICHAEL DELANEY (CAA Classes)

MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED
CLASSES IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

GABRIEL POPP (SAA Classes)
JENN POPP (SAA Classes)
STEPHANIE DANSBY (CAA Classes)
PAUL ROTONDO (CAA Classes)
TYLER MADORE (SAA Classes)
TIERNAN CURL (CAA Classes)
TRAVIS BROWN (SAA Classes)
BILL BUSHMAN (CAA Classes)
ERIK HALL (CAA Classes)
MICHAEL LOOS (CAA Classes)

FEATURED BELIEFBOOK POST



I thought a post about Templar faith that was shared by our Grand Prior on June 28, 2026, was really wonderful. Admittedly, he did not write it, but came across it in his internet travels. If you missed it, I hope you enjoy reading it here. ~GSY Renee'

The Greatest Strength of the Knights Templar. Faith.

What if the greatest weapon of the Knights Templar was never their sword... but their faith? History remembers the Knights Templar as fearless warriors. Men who rode into battle wearing the red cross, willing to sacrifice everything for a cause greater than themselves. Their courage became legendary, but courage alone was never what defined them. Their true strength was their faith.

Every sunrise began with prayer before a single order was given. Every decision was placed before God before a sword was drawn. They believed that strength without faith became pride, power without humility became tyranny, and victory without God had no lasting value. The Templars crossed deserts, climbed mountains, and defended pilgrims along roads where death could wait behind every hill. They fought while knowing they might never return home. Yet they did not allow fear to rule their hearts.

Not because they believed they were invincible. But because they believed that faith was stronger than fear. Faith gave them the courage to endure suffering, to remain loyal when others betrayed them, to serve those who could never repay them, and to continue forward even when every reason to turn back stood before them.

A Templar could lose his horse. He could lose his armor, he could even lose his life but he could never afford to lose his faith. More than seven hundred years have passed, yet perhaps their greatest lesson is more relevant today than ever before. Most of us will never stand on a medieval battlefield. We do not wear chainmail, carry swords, or defend castles. But every day we fight battles that are just as real.

FEATURED BELIEFBOOK POST



We battle anxiety, uncertainty, loneliness, temptation, injustice, disappointment, and the constant pressure to compromise our values. We live in a world that often tells us success is measured by money, status, or power.



The Templars would have measured it differently. They would have asked: Did you remain faithful to your principles when it was difficult? Did you protect those who needed you? Did you choose truth over convenience, service over selfishness, and courage over fear?

That is why the virtue of faith still matters today. Faith is not only believing that God exists. It is trusting Him when life becomes uncertain. It is continuing to do what is right when nobody is watching. It is refusing to surrender your values, even when the world rewards those who do. Perhaps the greatest battlefield has never been outside us, perhaps it has always been within us.

*L*IBERTY AND *F*REEDOM

A compilation by GSY Renee' Nordio

For our members in the U.S., July brings the celebration of Independence Day, when we celebrate our independence from England. And, this year brings the 250th anniversary of that celebration.

Celebrations, both big and small, are happening all across the nation, with the largest celebration being held in our capitol, Washington, D.C. where the Great American State Fair kicked off in late June on the National Mall.

With independence brings freedom and liberty, a concept which many nations on the globe enjoy. However, for believers, freedom and liberty means something a little different.

Christian liberty is a theological concept that refers to the freedom believers have in Christ, encompassing freedom from the law, sin, and the constraints of human traditions. This liberty is rooted in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and is a central theme in the New Testament, particularly in the writings of the Apostle Paul.

There's a quote I've always loved, the author is unknown; *"I'm proud to be an American. I am thankful for the sacrifices our flag represents. But, an empty cross will always stand for freedom."* Amen to that!

Christian liberty is a profound aspect of the believer's life. It is a call to live by the Spirit, exercising freedom responsibly and in love, always seeking to honor God and edify others.

So in the believer's spirit of freedom, please join me in reading just a few wonderful scriptures the Bible offers about the Christian liberty we cherish and hold dear in our daily walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Galatians 5:1 *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not be encumbered once more by a yoke of slavery."*

Galatians 5:13 *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."*

Romans 8:2 *"For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death."*

Romans 8:21 *"That the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God."*

1 Corinthians 8:9 *"Be careful, however, that your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak."*

2 Corinthians 3:17 *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."*

James 1:25 *"But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."*

John 8:36 *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

1 Peter 2:16 *"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."*

Romans 6:22 *"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life."*

OMSDT LEADERSHIP

ORDER LEADERSHIP

Grand Master (GM)
Rick Trujillo

Grand Prior (GP)
Derek Nordio

Grand Secretary (GSY)
Reneé Nordio

Grand Turcopolier (GT)
Marc Blaydoe

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 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 of St. Miltiades-Africa
Master Commander (MC)
Louis Steyn

Priory of St. Evaristus-Asia
Priory of St. Romero
Grand Priory of Europe
Grand Prior (GP) Derek Nordio

