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Message from the Editor

Sir Knights,

I apologize for the lateness of this supplement. As you've probably noticed, I've slightly changed the header of our supplement and I will have some more in upcoming issues. With previous formats, I was limited by the publisher and printer, so now I am trying to increase the quality of this supplement.

Grand Encampment Day of Prayer

The Grand Prelates of the Grand Encampment, with the permission of the Most Eminent Grand Master, has called for a Grand Encampment Day of Prayer to be held on November 11th, 2021. They chose this date because it is the Feast Day of St. Martin, the Patron Saint of Chaplains, and it is Veteran's Day.

The Grand Prelates ask for all Sir Knights around the world to join in prayer on that day. Attached with their call is a prayer and which you can find on the Grand Encampment website.

November Chivalric Orders

Sir Knights,

The Grand Commander has called for a joint, state-wide conferral of the orders of chivalry. It will be held at the Boise Masonic Temple located at 215 N. 10th St, Boise, ID 83702. A Commandery of Knights Templar will be opened at 8:00am where we will proceed to confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, and Order of the Temple.

If any Sir Knight is interested in taking on one of the parts, please contact Sir Knight George White or Sir Knight Barry Newell. Even if you're not taking a part in the cast, please come and support the newly dubbed Sir Knights.

Tentative Schedule:

Order of the Red Cross 8:30am - 9:30am
Order of Malta..... 10:00am - 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Order of the Temple..... 1:00pm - 5:00pm

A Templar Seal

By Barry E. Newell

Like many organizations, the Templars were known to employ a variety of symbols for various purposes such as official seals, shield ornamentation, and gravestones, but there never existed a single symbol that was used during the entire existence of the medieval order. Some common symbols used at various stages were the Red Cross, the Beauceant, and Agnus Dei, but the image of two knights upon a single horse seems to be the one most associated with them.

The most popular symbol image associated with the medieval Knights Templar is the image of two knights upon one horse. This symbol was used by many Grand Masters as one of their seals with minor variations through the successive line of Grand Masters, starting around 1167 and lasting until around 1298. The official seal of the Grand Master was closely guarded in the Treasury under the protection of the Commander of the Kingdom of Jerusalem and could only be accessed by a select few.

Like many things associated with the Templars, this symbol mystifies them and since their downfall, there have been many theories as to the meaning of it. Some military experts believe it is to emblematically represent what is seen today as the "buddy system" where soldiers, or knights in their case, would operate in pairs. Some believe this symbol goes back much farther to ancient Sumeria which was thought to represent a tactical device during battle, but also symbolic of duality and balance. This may be the reason the Templars adopted

it, to represent their dual function as both warriors and monks. Others theorize that it originated with the birth and initial poverty of the Templar Order, but this would fly in the face of the Rule of the Order which established the number of horses allocated to knights (according to their rank and position) and which also prohibited the sharing of the same horse.



Editor's Note

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