



# IDAHO KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## Editor's Note

If anyone would like to submit an article for the Idaho Knightly News, please email me your article using Microsoft Word. Keep it between 1 page and 1.5 pages.

## Upcoming 2023 Events:

Christmas ..... Dec 25  
New Year ..... Jan 1  
Epiphany ..... Jan 6

## Reminders

Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws can be made only by proposing the change in writing and filed with the Grand Recorder on or before December 15 before the next preceding the Annual Grand Conclave.

Also, please notify the Grand Recorder of the dates of your Christmas Observance.

## Merry Christmas

To all of the Sir Knights of Idaho,

I wish all of you Sir Knights a very Merry Christmas. Christmas is a joyous occasion to celebrate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the Savior of Mankind.

## Templar Charities

Continuing from Part 1 in the November 2023 edition.

## Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

The mission of this charity is "to send ordained Christian ministers on a Biblical study and historical and cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise." It is hoped that this will strengthen their ministry as they are provided with a chance to walk around the Holy Land where Christ walked and take part in intensive study programs

The committee that governs this organizes and supervises the planning and execution of the overall program and the groups of ministers' travel.

Sir Knights from the local Commanderies submit nominations for a local minister to the Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage of the Grand Commandery of their State. The State Committee reviews the nomination and selects the number of ministers they are willing to send over based on funds available. Constituent Commanderies can choose to pay 100% of the costs and fully sponsor a minister. These selected nominations and 100% sponsored are then sent up to the Grand Encampment's Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee and this committee is responsible for the full funding of the ministers' travel.

The travel usually occurs between February and March, and the last 11-days; two of the days are travel days.

Costs vary from year to year, but the price is announced each Spring by the Committee. The costs cover the round trip flight from NYC to Tel Aviv, fuel surcharges, airport taxes, 9 nights' accommodations, 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners, program expenses, and some other basic fees. They do not cover personal incidents, souvenirs, and travel from the home state to NYC. Usually, the Commandery will cover these costs, but the Grand Commandery can also choose to cover them if they have the funds. It is important to note that the NYC-Tel Aviv travel costs are covered by the Grand Commandery and not the Grand Encampment.

For more information, please check out the Holy Land Pilgrimage website.

