

## October Grand Prelates Reflection

Welcome to autumn. This is my favorite time of the year. The weather is cooling down, the scenery is beautiful, and the holidays are quickly approaching. The only downside is that as we near the end of another year people can sometimes go into cruise control mode and just let things ride out. Complacency can sometimes set in.

Sometimes we just need to get kick started following a long summer. It's great to be part of this Christian Order. It is also wonderful that so many of us are participating in our faith. But what else are we doing?

Having Christian beliefs is good, but we need to be moving on in practical obedience. There is an old saying that goes, "even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

James 1:22 says, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..."

As Knights Templar we should be out there seeking opportunities to help others; to find ways to share God's love with people around us through both our words and actions. Sure this can seem like a daunting task, especially with all that is going on around us. Sometimes it is easy to wonder what "I" can do to help. Many people often point out the condition of the world and argue, "Why doesn't God do something about [insert problem here]?"

Christian artist Matthew West has a song titled 'Do Something'. In it there is a line where he is calling out to God, complaining about the problems in the world, and he says to God, "Why don't you do something?" And God answers, "I did, I created you."

As Knights Templar, and as Christian men, we have been called by God to be light in this world. God has created us to serve and bless others, as well as be a force against evil. We do not have to literally take up a sword and go out to do battle against evil. No, we have something better; the Word of God is our sword. If we stand firm in our faith and seek ways to help the world around us, we can make a real change. It begins by serving together in our commanderies, and then taking it out into the streets of our communities. Sure we are not all called to do the same thing, but why should we be? Each of us is different, so God will use each of us in the way that he has gifted us. But together we can make a positive impact in the world around us. Just as we see the seasons changing around us outside, let's work together to see the world change through our service to Christ.

Always and All Ways in Christ

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