

## September 2022 Grand Prelate's Reflection

### Sir Knights

A few years ago I was out enjoying a long, sunny weekend ride on my Harley. I had a very enjoyable time and was heading back home as the sun was going down and decided to stop for a bite to eat. When I returned to my bike, it wouldn't start. Not a great way to end a ride, especially when you're not home yet.

It didn't take much to determine the problem. I had a bad battery, and it had decided that enough was enough. Simple problem, all I needed to do was pop the seat and get to the battery. I could get someone to give me a jump and I'd be on my way home (and off in the morning to buy a new battery). Simple that is, until I discovered that I couldn't remove the rear thumb screw holding the seat in place.

I had this nice tool kit in my saddle bag. Now no one has ever accused me of being a qualified motorcycle mechanic, but even I can remove a seat... but not without the right screwdriver to do it with. Oh I owned one. I could even see just where it was... sitting on the shelf in my shed. I had used it for something a few days earlier and forgotten to put it back. Amidst all my other tools, that screwdriver had just become the most valuable tool in my tool kit! Nothing else in my kit was going to remove that screw.

Fortunately, someone came along who had just what I needed, and in no time I was back on the road and heading home.

That story reminds me that, just like that tool, we all have a purpose. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is the same with Christ.

Each of us has been designed by God for something that we are uniquely qualified to do. No tool is better or worse than another: Each has its designed purpose and is perfect for that task. And the same is true for each of us. Never question your value to God. You are important to Him: So important that He sent His only son, Jesus, to pay the price for your salvation. All you need to do is allow God to show you what your purpose is.

As Knights Templar, all of us are needed to serve in order to succeed. No matter what your individual gift may be, you are part of this Order in a valuable way. However God has called you, keep on serving in faith. When you don't, your absence is felt.

Just like any other tool, we become useful only when we allow ourselves to be used in the hands of the Master Mechanic. I may not be the sharpest or shiniest tool in God's tool box. But thankfully, in His hands I can be used in mighty ways. And so can you. Give it a try and see for yourself.

Always and All Ways in Christ

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