



## Grand Commanders 2023 – 2024 Philanthropic Initiative

Lady Laura's fundraiser for 2023-2024 will be supporting all four chivalric philanthropic activities of the Grand Commandery.

### **Knights Templar Eye Foundation:**

To improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care



### **Holy Land Pilgrimage Program:**

To send credentialed Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise



### **Educational Foundation:**

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation supports higher education through grants and scholarships. Investment in Education is an Investment in the Future



**Baldwin Brown Fellowship Program:**  
“Building Today for a Better Tomorrow”



Tickets will be available throughout the year and at each of our visits throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each or five (5) tickets for \$20.00. Tickets will go on sale beginning May 7, 2023 and will remain on sale through March 31, 2024. On or about April 1, 2024, 4 winning tickets will be drawn. All winners will be announced at the Annual Stated Conclave during the Grand Banquet on Friday evening, May 3, 2024. Winners do not need to be present to claim their winning prize.

**First ticket winner: a value of \$1,000 for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation**

You will be enrolled in the KTEF Grand Commander's Club. You will receive a lapel pin and wallet card (signifying your membership). Once contributions total \$1,000.00, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club (GMC) which entitles the member to receive a lapel pin, engraved wall plaque, and the first level of the Crusader's Cross.

One Thousand Dollars enrolls you as a concerned individual in the humanitarian work of the Foundation. Your membership in the KTEF Grand Master's Club (GMC) entitles you to a lapel pin, an engraved wall plaque and the Crusader's Cross depending on how many thousand-dollar donations you have made.

If the winner already is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club, then the \$1,000 will be applied to the next quadrant on their jewel.

**Second ticket winner: value of \$500 for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program**

You will be awarded and recognized as a Knight of the Holy Land Pilgrimage and presented with a certificate and jewel in recognition of your \$500 donation. This jewel is authorized by Section 32 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery to be worn on the left breast on the Dress Uniform.

If the winner already has this jewel, then the \$500 will be applied to add an additional Oak Cluster to be worn on the jewel ribbon.

**Third ticket winner: value of \$400 for the Educational Foundation**

You will be recognized and awarded for contributing \$400 to the Knights Templar Educational Foundation in your name. Your \$400 contribution will assist in providing financial assistance to undergraduate students as they complete their college education. You will also receive a beautiful wall plaque with your name engraved

**Forth ticket winner: value of \$300 for the Baldwin Brown Fellowship Program**

You will be recognized and awarded with the Baldwin-Brown pin and one diamond for contributing \$300 to the fellowship fund. The pin is a Knights Templar Maltese Cross and Crown Emblem, surrounded by a black and white border with “Baldwin-Brown Fellow” above and “Virginia Knights Templar” below. It is about one inch in diameter and is given for the initial donation of \$150.00. For each additional donation of \$150.00 a small diamond is affixed to the perimeter of the pin. Intended to be worn on civilian clothes, the pin may also be worn in uniform attached to the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross medal. The pin is an acknowledgement of a voluntary contribution to the Knights Templar organization and is not a reward for any particular service or office held. The pin, with diamonds, is also a beautiful gift for the ladies, displaying their support of Chivalric Masonry.

If the winner already has a Baldwin-Brown pin, then the \$300 will be applied for two (2) additional diamonds to be added to the pin.

Lady Laura and I encourage you to support our charity this year and we look forward to seeing you during our visits.

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Haas', written in a cursive style.

Sir Knight Dennis Mark Haas, KCT  
Grand Commander 2023-2024  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia