

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia



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Knightly Greetings Sir Knights!

This month I want to update you on our efforts to support the **Knight Templar Eye Foundation, (KTEF)**. First, I want to introduce our new State Chairman, Sir Knight Peter Edward Terrill. Sir Knight Peter hails from Old Dominion Commandery No. 11 in Alexandria, Virginia and is currently serving as their Generalissimo. Serving as our state Chairman, Sir Knight Peter immediately sent out the following correspondence to the membership.

What You Need to Know

1. Each Commandery should have a KTEF representative assigned from its ranks, and a plan for them to speak on the KTEF in at least one Conclave during the year.
2. Each Commandery should ensure that every member on its rolls is a Life Sponsor in the KTEF. This requires a one-time \$30 donation and can be paid for by the Sir Knight or the Commandery on his behalf. As of 4 years ago Virginia had reached a 100% participation level for Life Sponsorships but we've fallen off of that in the last couple of years; the Grand Commander has made it a priority to get us back to 100%...and then move towards 200% participation.
3. Each Commandery should be shooting for a per capita goal of at least \$30/member. For the period of April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023, your Commandery donated \$1,785.00 and had 83 members, for a per capita of \$21.51. I have attached a final report for the previous year to this email so you can see the details.
4. All Commanderies should be able to compete every year for the Wigglesworth Trophy, which recognizes the Commandery with the most total donations for the Templar year ending March 31 (not including trusts and wills). I will be sending out quarterly donation reports to all

Commanderies, switching to monthly reports in the last quarter of the Templar year. Expect the first report around August 1 (will cover donations received from April 1-June 30).

What I (and the Grand Commander) Ask of You

1. Assign a KTEF representative for your Commandery if you don't have one. Please pass along his name and contact info to me. Schedule a time for him to speak to the Sir Knights at one of your Conclaves during the year.
2. Ensure that each of your Sir Knights without Life Sponsorships in the KTEF send in a check for \$30 (made out to the 'Knight Templar Eye Foundation'). Alternatively, the Commandery can send a check and just have the Sir Knights reimburse the Commandery (or not). Either way, we'd like to get everyone complete in the next 3 weeks.

3. **Make check out to: *Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. with Commandry Name and Number in the memo line.***

Mail check to:

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 271118
Flower Mound, TX 75027-1118**

Send Notice To:

**Sir Knight Peter E. Terrill
ktef@vatemplars.com
(703) 674-9296**

Donate online:

<https://www.ktef.org/general-donations> and follow the prompts

Send Notice to: (above)

4. Make it a point to pass the hat/collection plate at each Conclave. Little donations throughout the year can add up.

If you have any questions regarding the **Knight Templar Eye Foundation**, please reach out to Sir Knight Peter at, Cell: 703-674-9296 or email him at KTEF@vatemplars.com

Courteously,



S. K. Dennis M. Haas, KCT
Grand Commander, 2023-2024