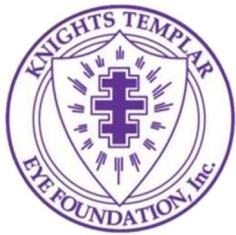




Grand Commanders Philanthropic Initiative

It is tradition in our organization that we seek to maximize the donations we make to the Grand Encampment Philanthropies as well as those that sustain our own organization. As in past years, Lady Luz's fundraiser for 2025-2026 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 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 5, 2025, and remain on sale until March 31, 2026. On or about April 1, 2026, 4 winning tickets will be drawn by my grandkids and filmed for your enjoyment. Winners will be announced at the Annual Stated Conclave during the Grand Banquet on Friday evening, May 2, 2025. 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

One Thousand Dollars enrolls you as a concerned individual in the Foundation's humanitarian work. 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 is already currently 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 for 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 of the Dress Uniform.

If the winner already has this jewel, the \$500 will be applied to add an 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 undergraduate students financially as they complete their college education. You will also receive a beautiful wall plaque with your name engraved.

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

You will be recognized and awarded 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. This pin is intended to be worn on civilian clothes; the pin may also be worn in uniform and attached to the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross medal.

The pin acknowledges a voluntary contribution to the Knights Templar organization; it is not a reward for any service or office held. It 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.

There will be at least one “bonus” item that is not yet disclosed...be on the lookout.

Lady Luz and I encourage you to support our charities this year, and we look forward to seeing you during our visits.

Courteously,

Sir Knight William Searcy, III, KCT

Grand Commander 2025-2026

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