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# RENEWING TEMPLARY

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## Mission and Vision Ideas for the 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Triennium Periods

As a candidate for the office of Deputy Grand Master, I offer to you, the members of our Grand Encampment, my thoughts on a mission and vision for the Grand Encampment and our common work for the next six years.

### Mission Statement

*The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA is dedicated to upholding Christian chivalry and Masonic principles by fostering integrity, obedience, and courage. We strive to support our members and communities through charity, fellowship, and leadership while embracing modernization to stay relevant. Our mission is to inspire and empower future Knights Templar, preserving our heritage and adapting to contemporary challenges.*

### Commentary

- **Integrity:** Commitment to our values and teachings, holding to our core values and teachings before the challenges and happenings presented by the world around us.
- **Obedience:** Faithfulness to the teachings, principles, and guidance set before us by our predecessors--both the historical Knights Templar from whom we model ourselves, and the Masonic fraternity.
- **Courage:** Willingness to stand up for what is true and right, but also acknowledge when change is necessary and to make those changes in a manner that maintains our integrity and our faithfulness to those who have travelled before us.

Rooted in the rich tradition of Christian chivalry and Masonic principles, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of integrity, obedience, and courage. Our mission is to provide every Christian Freemason the opportunity to extend his Masonic journey through a transformative chivalric experience, fostering a community of men committed to faith, service, and brotherhood.

In the spirit of our forebears, we strive to exemplify the virtues of charity, fellowship, and leadership in our communities. We are devoted to supporting the needs of our members, their families, and the wider society through various charitable activities, including medical research, educational assistance, and community outreach.

As we move forward in the 21st century, we embrace modernization and innovation, ensuring our Order remains relevant and impactful. We aim to inspire and empower the next generation of Knights Templar, preserving our noble heritage while adapting to contemporary challenges.

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Together, we will continue to be a beacon of hope, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to the Christian faith and the Masonic fraternity.

### **Vision Statement for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA**

Over the next three years, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA will:

- **Enhance Member Engagement and Growth:**
  - Implement comprehensive mentorship and leadership development programs to nurture the next generation of Knights Templar.
  - Expand outreach initiatives to attract new members, particularly younger Christian Freemasons, by promoting the values and benefits of the Templar Order.
- **Strengthen Charitable Activities:**
  - Increase fundraising efforts to support the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and Holy Land Pilgrimage, aiming to raise an additional \$10 million for educational scholarships and funding more Christian ministers on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land, while continuing to grow our support for the Eye Foundation as well.
  - Work with with Commanderies and Grand Commanderies to address urgent needs, especially for the aid of distressed worth Knights of the Order, their wives, widows and orphans.
  - Launch new community service projects and partnerships with Commanderies and Grand Commanderies to support those in need in our local communities, especially those who are poor, hungry, sick, infirm, or otherwise in need of our kind offices and support
- **Modernize Communication and Infrastructure:**
  - Upgrade digital platforms to improve communication and engagement with members, including a revamped website, mobile app, and social media presence.
  - Invest in virtual meeting technologies to facilitate greater participation in national and local events, ensuring inclusivity for members who cannot attend in person.
- **Promote Christian Values and Masonic Principles:**
  - Organize additional Holy Land Pilgrimages for Christian ministers and other spiritual retreats for our Knights and their families to deepen members' understanding and commitment to Christian teachings and Masonic ideals.
  - Host regular public events and lectures to educate the broader community about the history, values, and contributions of the Knights Templar.
- **Foster Global Connections and Cooperation:**
  - Increase the presence and involvement of Grand Encampment leaders with our non-US Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies in order to strengthen our connection with these Fratres and encourage their closer cooperation and participation within the Grand Encampment as a whole.
  - Strengthen relationships with international Templar bodies and other Masonic organizations to promote global cooperation and exchange of best practices.

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- Encourage participation in international conferences and symposiums to showcase the achievements and initiatives of the Grand Encampment and to learn from global peers.
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  - Invest in virtual meeting technologies to facilitate greater participation in non-ritual work at all levels.

By focusing on these key areas, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA will honor its historical legacy while embracing modern advancements to remain a vital and dynamic force in the 21st century.