

THE MOUNTAIN OF THE HOUSE  
OF THE LORD: UTAH PRIORY



CONVENT & INVESTITURE

21 May 2016

# WELCOME FAMILY, FRIENDS & HONORED GUESTS



21 MAY 2016,  
HIDDEN VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
DRAPER, UTAH

Her Excellency, the Grand Secretary **Jean Goulka, GCTJ, OMTJ**  
of The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem,  
PRESIDING

**H.E. Dr. Chev. Thomas E. Sawyer, GOTJ**  
PRIOR



## Reading of Psalm 115

1. *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.*
2. *Wherefore should the heathen say, where is now their god?*
3. *But our God is in the heavens; he hath done what soever he hath pleased.*
4. *Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.*
5. *They have mouths, but they speak not. Eyes have they, but they see not.*
6. *They have ears, but they hear not. Noses have they, but they smell not:*
7. *They have hands, but they handle not. Feet have they, but they walk not. Neither speak they through their throat.*
8. *They that make them are like unto them. So is every one that trusteth in them.*
9. *O Israel, trust thou in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.*
10. *O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.*
11. *Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.*



# INSTALLATION & INVESTITURE

## Introduction and acceptance of Postulants

<u>Postulant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
• Hal DeLacy Baird	Jared M. Clayton
• Lawrence Smith Barlow	Jean Howard
• Paul Devon George	Charles Christensen
• James Eugene Hewett	Ronald R. Ivie
• David Howard	Jean Howard
• John David Taylor	Jean Howard

## Ceremony of knighthood

The ceremony of knighthood, of which the installation and investiture of the postulants of this order is in commemorative emulation, developed with the grandeur of the military orders of the state. Thomas Costain, in *The Three Edwards*, describes that development by the time of Edward the Third: “conferring knighthood had developed into a complicated and rather beautiful ceremony since the beginning, when the accolade—a tap on the shoulder with a sword—had sufficed. It began the previous evening when the candidate was shaved and then taken to a special chamber where a bath was prepared with scented water and a covering of linen and rich cloths. While he bathed, two old knights talked to him solemnly about the duties of the order. Later still, he was led to the chapel, where he stood throughout the night, keeping watch over his armor and saying prayers and meditating. At break of day he bathed again, confessed, heard mass, and offered a taper with a piece of money stuck in the white tallow. With his future squire riding before him and carrying the sword and gold spurs, which were to be attached to his heels, he made his way to the great hall. Here he knelt on one knee and was given the accolade.”

The most important part of the ceremony analogous to homage was

the vow: “To relieve and protect widows, the fatherless, the oppressed and miserable, to defend the Church of God, and to propagate and defend the Christian faith, and to repel the violence and cruelties of the pagans and war.” In a religious order the vow included a vow of poverty, chastity, and obedience. For the part time members, the confrere knights, who gave money and spent a few months of the year in the Order, the vow was amended to conjugal chastity. The badge of the Order served as a pledge of remembrance of the sincerity of the love for the faith of the knight and his oath.

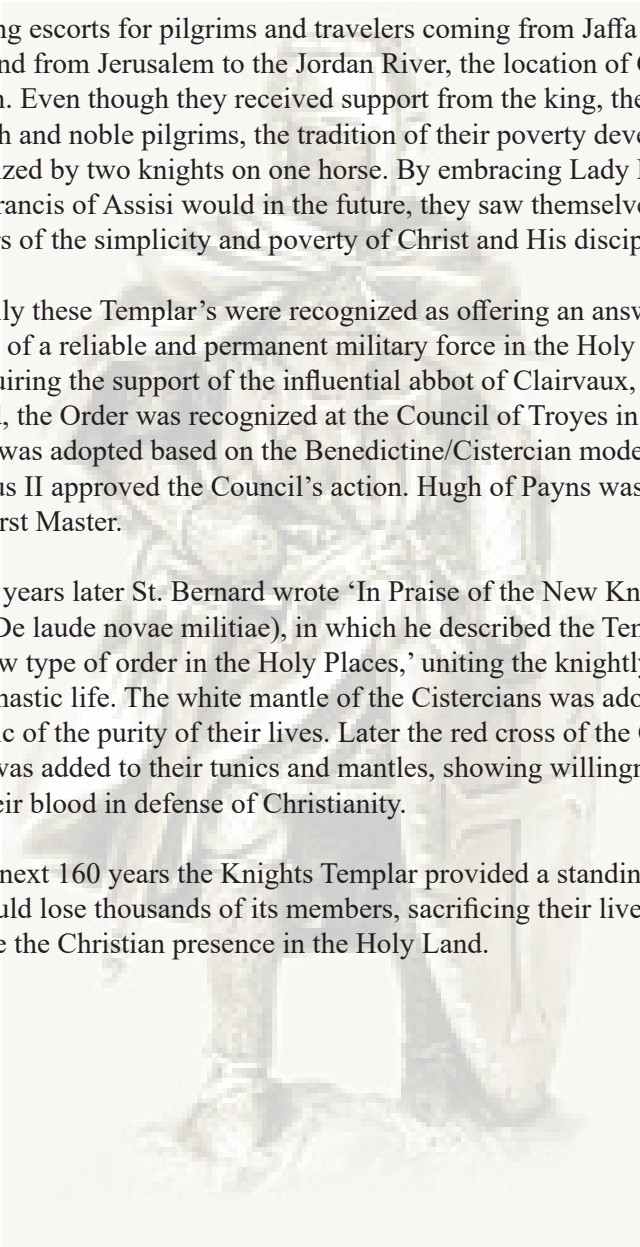
## **Early history of the Templar Order**

About the year 1119 two Knights, Hugh of Payns and Geoffrey of Saint-Omer, who had come as pilgrims to the Holy Land, formed a community of knights, who made religious vows of chastity, obedience and poverty to the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

A new religious Order had its beginning, uniting the monk and the warrior. According to the chronicler, William of Tyre, the promise was made, that “they would protect the roads and routes to the utmost of their ability against the ambushes of thieves and attackers, especially in regard to the safety of pilgrims.

Impressed with their zeal the King of Jerusalem, Baldwin II, offered them quarters in part of his palace, located in the Al-Aqsa Mosque. This began the Templar association with Temple Mount, which was believed to have been the location of Solomon’s Temple. In making their vows these knights, traditionally numbered at nine, accepted the Rule of St. Augustine of the Canons of the Temple of Christ, the Moslem Shrine of the Dome of the Rock. Thus, they were first known as “The Poor Knights of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon,” later to be called “The Knights Templar.

Over the next seven years, these first Templars increased in number,



providing escorts for pilgrims and travelers coming from Jaffa to Jerusalem and from Jerusalem to the Jordan River, the location of Christ's Baptism. Even though they received support from the king, the patriarch and noble pilgrims, the tradition of their poverty developed, symbolized by two knights on one horse. By embracing Lady Poverty, as St. Francis of Assisi would in the future, they saw themselves as imitators of the simplicity and poverty of Christ and His disciples.

Gradually these Templar's were recognized as offering an answer to the lack of a reliable and permanent military force in the Holy Land. On acquiring the support of the influential abbot of Clairvaux, St. Bernard, the Order was recognized at the Council of Troyes in 1129. A Rule was adopted based on the Benedictine/Cistercian model. Pope Honorius II approved the Council's action. Hugh of Payns was chosen as the first Master.

Several years later St. Bernard wrote 'In Praise of the New Knighthood' (De laude novae militiae), in which he described the Templar's as 'a new type of order in the Holy Places,' uniting the knightly and monastic life. The white mantle of the Cistercians was adopted as symbolic of the purity of their lives. Later the red cross of the Crusaders was added to their tunics and mantles, showing willingness to shed their blood in defense of Christianity.

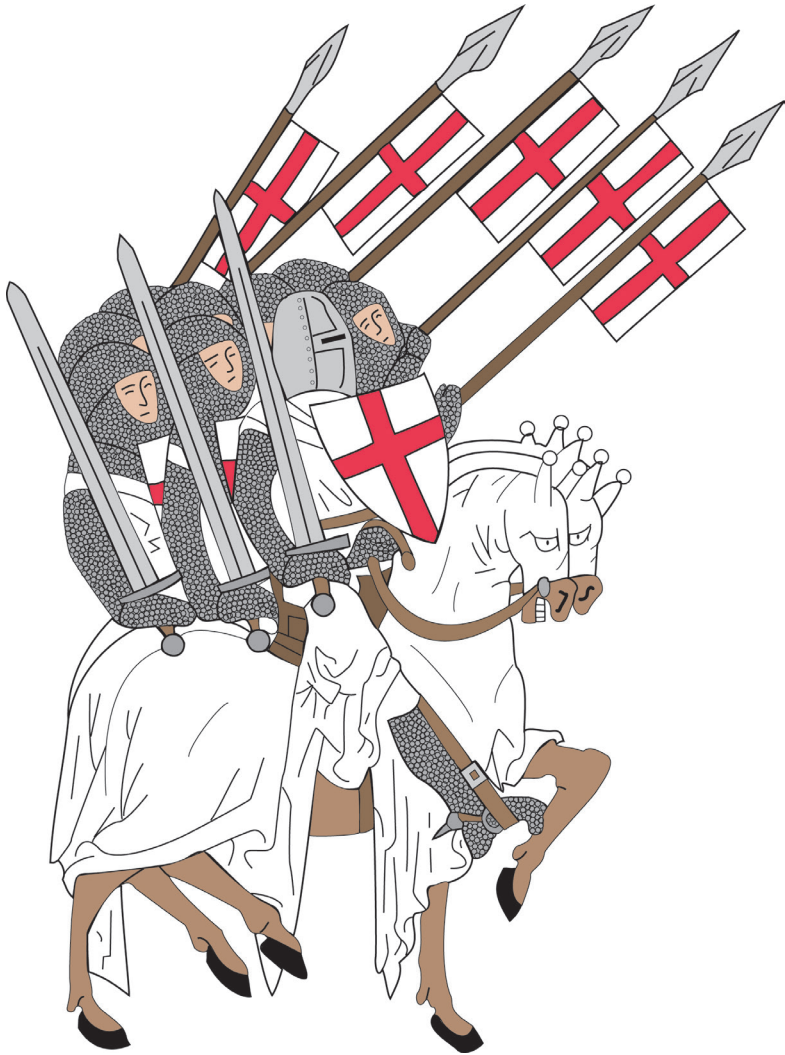
For the next 160 years the Knights Templar provided a standing army that would lose thousands of its members, sacrificing their lives to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



## Charter of the Utah Priory

The Priory of The Mountain of the House of the Lord was created by the Autonomous Grand Priory of the United States of America, which in turn was authorized by the Autonomous Grand Priory of Switzerland, and is recognized by the Grand Majesty of the Order, for the following purposes:

- To continue the tradition of the orders of the Crusades, in particular that of the “Poor Knights of the Temple” that were formally recognized by the Pope at the Council of Troyes in 1128 A. D.
- To combat in a new crusade modern paganism and oppose the symptoms of decadence in our age.
- To defend in an ecumenical spirit the common faith of all who believe in one God, and to affect a union of Christianity to fight intolerance and to help in the reassertion of the spirit of chivalry.
- To preserve and perpetuate the traditions and customs of one of the oldest international military organizations in the world, which was founded in the holy city of Jerusalem between 1119 and 1128 A.D.
- To protect and teach the Christian religion.
- To aid the needy, lame, blind and afflicted.





# The Accolade

## Preparation

## Sword

## Spurs

## Cross

## Mantle

## Dubbing

## POSTULANTS

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- Lawrence Smith Barlow,
- Paul Devon George,
- James Eugene Hewett,
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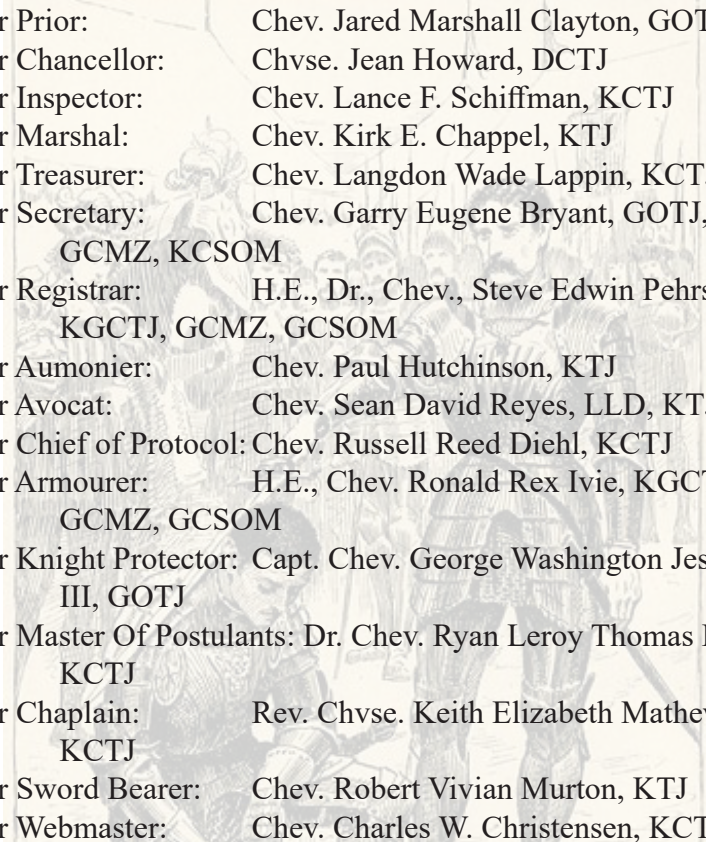
## Honors

- Chevse Keith Elizabeth Mathews, KCTJ
- Chev Jared Marshall Clayton, KCTJ

## Promotions

- Chev Russell Reed Diehl, KCTJ.
- Chev Langdon Wade Lapin, KCTJ.
- Chev Ryan Leroy Thomas, KCTJ.
- Chev Jared Marshall Clayton, GOTJ

## New Prior and Priory Officers

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- For Prior: Chev. Jared Marshall Clayton, GOTJ
- For Chancellor: Chvse. Jean Howard, DCTJ
- For Inspector: Chev. Lance F. Schiffman, KCTJ
- For Marshal: Chev. Kirk E. Chappel, KTJ
- For Treasurer: Chev. Langdon Wade Lappin, KCTJ
- For Secretary: Chev. Garry Eugene Bryant, GOTJ,  
GCMZ, KCSOM
- For Registrar: H.E., Dr., Chev., Steve Edwin Pehrson,  
KGCTJ, GCMZ, GCSOM
- For Aumonier: Chev. Paul Hutchinson, KTJ
- For Avocat: Chev. Sean David Reyes, LLD, KTJ
- For Chief of Protocol: Chev. Russell Reed Diehl, KCTJ
- For Armourer: H.E., Chev. Ronald Rex Ivie, KGCTJ,  
GCMZ, GCSOM
- For Knight Protector: Capt. Chev. George Washington Jessop  
III, GOTJ
- For Master Of Postulants: Dr. Chev. Ryan Leroy Thomas Ph.D.,  
KCTJ
- For Chaplain: Rev. Chvse. Keith Elizabeth Mathews,  
KCTJ
- For Sword Bearer: Chev. Robert Vivian Murton, KTJ
- For Webmaster: Chev. Charles W. Christensen, KCTJ

## **REGULA MODERNA**

The original monastic rule of the Order was drawn up by St. Bernard de Clairvaux and was a modification of the monastic rule of St. Benedict. Most people in the medieval era—including the warrior monks of the Order—were illiterate. One of the purposes of the annual Convent was to provide a forum where the Grand Prior and local Priors could reinforce their oath and the key tenants of the Order. Our ‘Regula Moderna’ or modern rule is a modification of that which the confrere knight followed. As was done then, it is read at least annually to the Knights in Convent and at each investiture of new Knights and Dames. Would the CHAPLAIN, the Chancellor, our newest knights.

### **The Temple and the Service of the Temple**

Remember, my sons and daughters, that thou art a Templar, a descendant of the poor Knights of the Temple, whose first seat was found in the environs of the Temple of Jerusalem. It was their custom to meditate upon the word and the meaning of the temple. We must not forget that we are rough stones and that we must continually construct and work to build our own proper temple, of our own selves. Each day, we must meditate and pray.

### **The Love of Meditation**

Recognize with joy that we are never strangers to God, but his very own creatures. within our temple, you will meet brothers and sisters of all nationalities and denominations. Rejecting all rigid dogmatism, and, at the same time rejecting atheism, you

will not be brought to a point of confusion in your search for God. Never forget, while meditating, that the temple of God is your own person.

### **The Discipline**

The principles of life of St. Bernard de Clairvaux are still good in our day. These are the care of body, soul and spirit. Work with joy, but do not believe that activity by itself is a virtue. Material success can weaken you greatly and it is established that the goal of this terrestrial life is not material enrichment or one of unlimited pleasure and amusement.

### **The Chivalrous Fight**

The white cape decorated with the cross of the Order is to remind you that you are capable of making sacrifices. The customs of modern life do not excuse us for abandoning the fight against ourselves, against temptation, against the animal spirit and excessive pursuit of money and power. The fight against intolerance, hypocrisy, false prophets and ignorance is the role that has fallen upon us. The day will arrive when you will render your accounts, and on that day, excuses will not be accepted by the supreme power: God.

### **Brotherhood**

Each day you must assist your brother or sister who supports the same objectives and fights to obtain them. It is necessary that you feel responsible for such service, to prepare against the day when God will ask you, “where is thy brother?” or “where is thy sister?” In order that you may live a truly chivalrous life, follow



the quest, working without expected recompense. Thou shalt be a lesson and an example to all by becoming a pillar of the temple, which thou must not leave for even an instant.

## CLOSING CEREMONY

### Opportunity to Speak

### Scriptural Lesson

### The Offering

### Passing the Sword

### Benediction

### Recessional

**VISITORS AND GUESTS REMAIN SEATED FOR RE-  
CESSIONAL, Then rise and depart.**

**ALL KNIGHTS AND DAMES, KCTJ/DCTJ, COME HELP  
DISASSEMBLE CHAPEL AND LOAD OUR GEAR INTO  
MARSHAL'S, ARMORER'S, TREASURER'S VEHICLES.**



## TEMPLAR PRAYER

I KNEEL AND PRAY to the Lord, and thank Him for this glorious day; that He help me remember my knight's oath as I follow my knight's way.

I PRAY I will be the best person I can be, and that God might grant me a loving family, and Brothers and Sisters to help and guide me.

I PRAY that God grants me chivalry, to help the needy in a Silent Knight way, so that they may not be ashamed that God's help was given to them.

GOD HELP ME to ask nothing from those who have little or nothing to give, and to seek not praise or glory, save that which can be reflected to God.

I PRAY that when I look at the face of terror that I feel not the crippling sting of fear, for I know the Lord is with me.

I PRAY that at the end of my life I might not look back and see one day of shame. God grant that no stain or blemish be found upon my shield and sword.


AND FINALLY, if I am blessed to see another setting sun at the end of His day, I pray that TOMORROW will bring another of His glorious, chivalrous days.

FOR I AM A KNIGHT OF THE TEMPLE OF CHRIST, and He is my only way, and He alone leads my Knight's Templar way.

AMEN

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