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HUBERT L. REECE COMMANDERY # 42
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SIR KNIGHTS NEWS

Knights Templar

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Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of
the Temple of Solomon
Pauperes commilitones Christi
Templique Solomonici



SIR KNIGHTS

**"We are the Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of
Solomon"**



*Sir Knights - Question? Was King Richard "The Lionheart" of
England a Knights Templar*
- GENERALISSIMO -
Sir Knight Isaac W. Martin Jr.

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SIR KNIGHTS, From the Encampment of Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Dion Lightner, Hubert L. Reece Commandery # 42



Jacques de Molay

Sir Knights,

Thanks for all the outstanding support. We have one last task at hand, to ensure this year, all Sir Knights pay there dues on time. Remember we must support the Grand Commandery as well as our very on Hubert L. Reece Commandery #42 to the best of abilities and then some... Those Sir Knights that are abroad, I request your financial as well as moral support in all of the Hubert L. Reece's undertakings. We are endeavoring to give a \$750.00 scholarship in conjunction with Gover D. Bond Holy Royal Arch # 140 and District 26A and in March-April 2009 to a deserving high school senior from the community or one of our very own seniors. Elections will be held on 5 December. Please vote for what is best for the Commandery. Again, I thank all Sir Knights "Past, Present & Future" for there dedication and support this year.

"IN HOC"

Sir Knight Dion R. Lightner
-- Eminent Commander

AROUND THE KT KORNER:

- KT – initiation (Hubert L. Reece Commandery # 42) - 25 October 2008
- KT Regular Communication 1 November 2008
- Welcome District Deputy Grand High Priest / District Deputy Grand Eminent Commander Vernon James back to Germany Visit on 5 December 2008
- York Rite elections and district session and social 5-7 December 2008
- District 26A Joint Christmas event 20 December 2008

IN SYMPATHY FOR:

The Sir Knights of Hubert L. Reece Commandery # 42 wish to express our DEEPEST sympathy to our very own Sir Knight Kenny Amerson who just recently lost his father. Sir Knight Amerson, may the G.A.O.T.U. be with you and your family during this time of bereavement. Lean on the shield if you must. We will be there for you.

A Little Templar History:



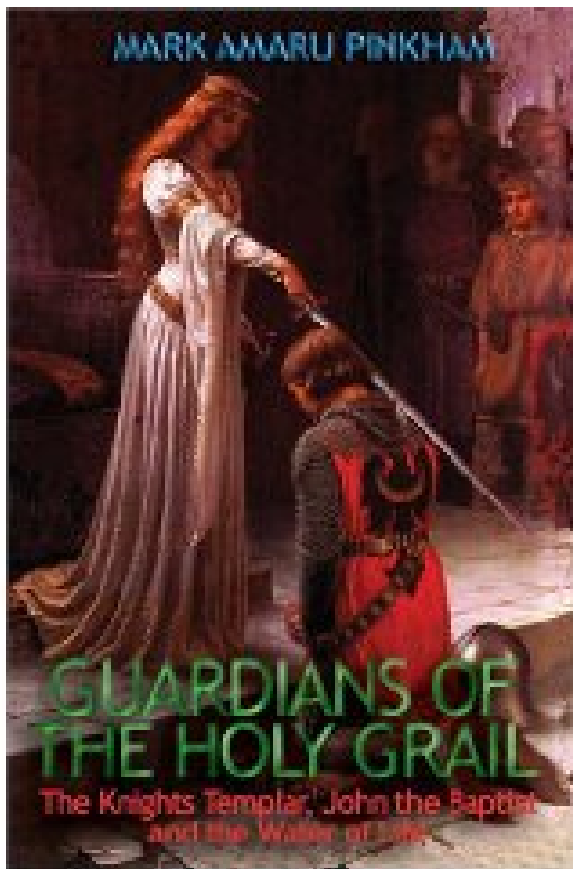
King Richard “The Lionheart”

- Darned as a Knights Templar fighting Saladin’s Saracen Knights during the Third Crusade to take back Jerusalem. It is said that Richard wore the Templar robe on occasion as giving honor to the Templars and on occasion, to disguise himself as a Knights Templar from being recognized as King of England when his life may have been in peril

Was King Richard I “The Lionheart” a Knights Templar?

King Richard (1157 to 1199), commonly called "Lionheart" for his fighting skill and bravery - contrarily to some belief; Richard was not a Templar, even though he admired the Templars and their mission of protecting Christian on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. According to some history documentation, Richard did darn the Templar Robe (mantle) with the Red Cross on occasion when going into battle during the Third Crusade against Saladin. History also documents an episode where Richard had to disguise himself as a Templar in order to escape through Central Europe not giving himself away as being the King of England. Let it be known that the Templars fought courageously along side King Richard I and other Crusaders in the battles for the Holy Lands. Richard I, the Lionheart, remains the mythical king of England who preferred to wage war than to rule over his empire.

The Holy Grail and the Knights Templar:



“The Holy Grail”

According to [Christian mythology](#), the **Holy Grail** was the plate, chalice or cup used by [Jesus](#) at the [Last Supper](#), said to possess miraculous powers. There are some say it has a more secular meaning that does not have any connection to a cup or chalice.

There are many myths surrounding the Knights Templar, particularly relating to the Temple of Solomon and the Holy Grail. They did indeed inhabit the temple at one time, when King Baldwin offered them temporary residence, but beyond this is there much truth in the stories that surround them? Was there a Templar treasure, as so many authors claim? How did they manage to become the world's most wealthiest and powerful organization and what caused their downfall? Nobody knows whether [the grail](#) still exists or whether it existed at the time of the Knights Templar? According to the legend, it was the cup used by Christ at the last supper, and subsequently given to Joseph of Arimathea after the crucifixion. According to some stories, Joseph then sailed to England where he created a Christian church at Glastonbury, while others believe that he arrived somewhere in South-western Europe and travelled no further. When Joseph arrived in Europe he organized the building of a temple on Muntsalvach (the mountain of salvation) where the holy vessel would be kept and protected. Knights took part in a sacred festival which also involved the Holy Grail. If you prefer to believe the Glastonbury version, then the Holy Grail was housed in the church and used as a chalice at a special mass held there called the "Mass of the grail. In both versions it becomes apparent that the Grail was a revered object, a great relic that needed to be housed properly.

So where is the Holy Grail today? Did it really exist or is it just a legend? If the latter were true it must be the finest example of creative imagination ever “A cup or chalice, used by Christ, guarded by mysterious Knights and possessing powers of healing and eternal life” The same cup that has captured the imagination of generations of treasure seekers for hundreds of years. The main links between the Knights Templar and the Holy Grail are the facts that some knights did attend the cup and that the Templars are supposed to have guarded a great treasure which has never been found. However, some scholars will argue that the Holy Grail is not the cup at all. Instead, is a woman, Mary Magdalene to be exact, who together, with the Christ, started a direct bloodline of Christ, but this is a story for another day. If you are curious - see “The Da Vinci Code” for starters, but I know what my belief is, do you - you should. As a Mason, where did you put your first trust.....? Then follow the scriptures and you will not be led astray.... ([Researched and taken from findings in Wikipedia](#))



Knights Korner: *Knights Korner “For The Good Of The Order”*

is a Corner-Stone in the Knightly News to recognize the achievements of our own Sir Knights and to bid those farewell as they continue their Masonic travel from HUBERT L. REECE COMMANDERY # 42 and to welcome new membership.



Sir Knights of Hubert L. Reece Commandery # 42 (Germany)

THE OLD GUARD

Special Tribute:

- Since the last KT News Letter was published, we want to say farewell to some great Sir Knights of Hubert L. Reece Commandery #42 starting with the District Deputy Grand Eminent Commander Vernon James, Past Eminent Commander Sir Knight Timothy Weatherspoon, Sir Knight Demetrius Dangerfield, Sir Knight Joseph Hawkins, Sir Knight Marc Nelson, Sir Knight Willie Taylor, Sir Knight Marcus Jones. Thank you all for being outstanding Sir Knights and giving so much to this Commandery - Job well done.



Sir Knights of Hubert L. Reece Commandery # 42 (Germany)

THE NEW GUARD

- Since the last KT News Letter was published, we want to welcome our newest members; Sir Knight McCoy and Sir Knight Marshall.

FOR THE GOOD OF OUR KNIGHTLY ORDER:

- CONGRATULATIONS – Sir Knight Demetrius Dangerfield for being accepted into the Warrant Officer Corps***
- CONGRATULATIONS – Sir Knight Garry Anthony on his new job at FT Stewart, GA***
- CONGRATULATIONS – Sir Knight District Deputy Grand Eminent Commander Vernon James on his new job at FT Lewis, WA***
- CONGRATULATIONS – Sir Knight Carlos Martin on his new assignment in Stuttgart***

**** ** To our District Deputy Grand Eminent Commander, Vernon James, as always, Sir, thank you for your senior leadership, wise counseling and eternal friendship to all of us “IN HOC” ******



Sir Knights,

Reports of your magnanimous work have reached my office. It is encouraging to know that you continue to represent the Grand Commandery and Texas Prince Hall Knights Templar through community service. I look forward to seeing you in December and encourage you to continue the good work.

- IN HOC!

With Knightly Courtesy,

**Sir Knight Vernon James
District Deputy Grand Commander**

--IN HOC SIGNO VINCES--

Isaac W. Martin Jr

-- Generalissimo (Editor & Chief)

- SIR KNIGHTS -

“ALL FOR ONE - - ONE FOR ALL”