



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Grand Commandery of Georgia
May 23, 2023

Our Mission: To send Ordained Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise.

Our Goal: To select and send Ordained Christian Ministers on the 40th Holy Land Pilgrimage in February 2024.

TO: Grand Recorder, and Recorders of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Gate 1 Travel Agency will tentatively reserve places for one (2) group of 25+ people each for the 2024 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates are:

February 05 – February 15, 2024 and February 19 – February 29, 2024

- Travel date will be honored on a first come, first served basis, there will be only 2 groups, A & B.
- The costs this year have increased and is **\$4,000.00** from JFK in New York. This includes three meals daily, entrance fees, standard tipping, and travel insurance. (Also included: fuel surcharge and the airport tax.) **This fee does not include domestic flights from Atlanta to EWR in Newark, NJ and return. Each Commandery is encouraged to make their domestic flight arrangements with Gate 1 Travel in order to coordinate flight schedules. Send a copy of the flight receipt to the Grand Recorder; he will refund ½ the cost to the sponsoring Commandery.** The cost of the trip is split up as follows: the sponsoring Commandery(s) pays 50% of the overall cost, and the Knights Templar Education Foundation pays the other 50%.
- Each Sponsoring Commandery or designated person is encouraged to make their domestic flight arrangements with gate 1 Travel to coordinate flight schedules. Gate 1 contact is Stephanie Rivera and her number is 1-215-572-7676 ext. 1249.
- In order to expedite communications, please send your correspondence to markbradley@yorkriteofga.org

Enclosed is a copy of the **Nomination Form** to be filled out for each pilgrim minister you select. (Please use this form for all ministers.) Also included in this mailing are the **Guidelines for Selection of Ministers, and a new Certification form.** When you submit the materials for your pilgrim ministers, you will need to include three items: Certification Form (**signed by the Grand Recorder and the State Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman**), the Nomination Form (filled out completely by the pilgrim minister), and the sponsor fee (checks: KTEF, Inc.). **All these items are due by September 01, 2023.**

Please note that this program is for ministers who might not otherwise have this opportunity. Any minister who has previously traveled to the Holy Land would not meet this criterion. The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage is intended for **first time pilgrims**. The minister must be in good enough physical condition in order to be able to walk up and down stairs and hills as well as 3 miles a day at times.

Thank you so much for your continued prayerful support of this very important Christian Knights Templar program.

In His name and service,

Rev. Terry L. Hensley

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Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage



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Subject: Holy Land Pilgrimage

To the Grand Recorder and all Recorders of the Commanderies in Georgia, Greetings;

I have just received the updated information of the Holy Land Pilgrimage for 2024 from Grand Encampment, and now forwarding it to you via our Grand Recorder. Please read the information to your Commandery. I ask that you start a brand new Holy Land Pilgrimage file labeled yearly for your Holy Land Pilgrimage records.

These pages must be filled out by the Minister, and returned to your Commandery. Your Commandery will forward to our Grand Recorder with sponsoring fee. The Grand Recorder will forward a copy to me. The Nomination Form (Questionnaire for Ministers), Pilgrim Certification Form. The Grand Encampment director may send the Minister other pages that he may require after approval.

I also recommend that you have or create a file for Ministers that have been sent on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. (A Minister can only be sponsored one time to the Holy Land pilgrimage). If you have questions please call me. Sir Knights let us remember as Knights Templar to always work diligently while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

In His service,

Rev. Terry Hensley

Holy Land Pilgrimage, State Chairman

These pages must be filled out by the minister and returned to your Commandery. Your Commandery then forwards the application, with sponsoring fee, to the Grand Recorder. The Grand Recorder will forward a copy of the packet to me.



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Subject: The Holy Land Pilgrimage requirements of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.

To: All Commanders and Recorders of the constituent Commanderies of Georgia,
Greetings;

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman, of the Grand Encampment, PGC Emmitt Mills, sent me the information pertaining to the specific dates needed to comply with their scheduled program of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates necessary to comply with the Grand Encampment are listed below.

The Commandery(s) sponsoring a Minister for the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024 **MUST** have the required applications filled out and returned with **50%** of the overall cost of the trip to the Grand Recorder's office no later than **September 01, 2023**. If this date is missed, that Minister will not be eligible to participate this year. Also, the sponsoring Commandery(s) are responsible to purchase the domestic flight from Atlanta to JFK and back. Send in a copy of your domestic flight ticket and the Grand Recorder will reimburse **50%** of ticket cost.

***Note:** If more than one Commandery is sponsoring the Pilgrim Minister, then each Commandery **MUST** be identified on the **NOMINATION FORM 2024**.

The Grand Recorder and I will review the applications by **September 10, 2023**. The Grand Recorder and I will then forward the list of Ministers to the Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee. The KTEF will review and forward the application and monies to the Grand Recorder and he to the Grand Encampment Recorder's Office no later than **September 01, 2023**.

I ask for your indulgence and consideration in this matter, so that we will be able to continue in our efforts of sending Ministers to the Holy Land for Enlightenment, Visual Education, and for the furtherance of God's Kingdom. Please read at a minimum of two Commandery meetings.

In HIS Service,
Rev. Terry Hensley, State Chairman, HLP



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM 2024

1. FULL FIRST MIDDLE & LAST NAME: _____

2. HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____

3. TELEPHONE: area code (_____) home: _____ work _____ mobile: _____

4. AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Email: _____

5. Spouse's name, if married: _____ Number of years married: _____

6. Children's name(s) and age(s), if any: _____

7. HIGHER EDUCATION - give name of school, years attended, and degrees achieved:

8. Type of ordination and name of body conferring ordination (***please attach a copy of your ordination certificate***):

9. Name of Church you currently serve and its complete address (including city, state & zip) and **office phone**:

10. Number of years in **full time** ordained ministry: _____

11. List other churches, years served and positions held:

12. Have you ever been to the Holy Land? _____ If yes, give the date(s) and the single most inspiring site visited:

13a. Why would you like to travel to the Holy Land? _____

13b. Upon your return, how might this experience effect your ministry? _____

14. Masonic affiliation, if any: _____

15. Why did you elect to become a minister? _____

16. **Please obtain a signature** from the Chair of your Personnel Committee, Church Board, District or Regional Supervisor, etc. If selected to be a Pilgrim Minister on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, this pastor will be granted leave to participate.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name and Contact information: _____

17. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land as a guest of the Knights Templar? _____

18. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land WITHOUT your spouse (this is not negotiable)? _____

19. Are you willing to be a part of a traveling group made up of members of many other denominations? _____

20. Do you know of any Knights Templar in your church? _____

If so, please list name(s): _____

21. Are you aware of any health problems which would prevent or limit your participation in this strenuous trip? _____

22. Do you require medication? _____

23. What is the size of your congregation? _____

24. Number of ministers serving the congregation: _____

25. Do you hold a valid passport for travel to Israel? _____

If no, do you foresee any difficulty in obtaining one? _____

26. If chosen, will you be able to travel on these dates? **Feb. 05 – Feb. 15, 2024 or Feb. 19 – 29, 2024 (circle one)**

27. Has your name ever been submitted as a Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage nominee in the past? _____

I understand that this pilgrimage is an 11 day program that covers as much ground as possible in the touring days (we average 5 – 7 miles of walking many days, often uphill or up steps and on uneven surfaces) and I am physically able to fully participate.

I commit to clearing my personal calendar and making the necessary arrangements with the church to facilitate my full participation and travel with the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage if selected.

Minister's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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I recommend this individual for participation in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage and attest that they are fully informed of the necessary time and physical fitness requirements of this program.

29. Recommending Commander's Signature: _____

28. Recommending Commandery: _____ Commandery No. _____

30. Recommending Commandery— Local contact person for info, details, and arrangements (name, address, phones, & email):

To be completed and signed by the Grand Recorder and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman

**PILGRIM CERTIFICATION – Due with Fees and Nomination Form by September 1 to
Emmett Mills, PGC; 1713 Bentrillo Ct.; The Villages, FL 32162 CUAEWM@aol.com**



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**This is to confirm that the Grand Commandery of _____ (state)
is certifying the following pilgrim minister as their selection to fully fund for participation
in the upcoming Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Pg 5**

Pilgrim Minister's Name: _____

Primary mailing address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Church served by this pastor: _____

- It is understood that the full fee for the current year must accompany this form and the nomination form (**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM**) (for 2024 - \$4,000.00, check made out to "HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, INC.")
- It is understood that fees may not be transferable, so that if your pilgrim does not travel at the reserved time, the sponsoring Grand Commandery may lose any money already spent on travel reservations and arrangements or there may be additional fees.
- It is understood that the pilgrim minister has cleared travel on this Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage with their denomination and local congregation (if necessary).
- It is understood that the pilgrim minister and the local congregation served by the pilgrim minister have made necessary contingency plans so that participation in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage will not be impeded.
- In certifying this individual for participation in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage we attest that they are fully informed of the necessary time and physical fitness requirements of this program.

Signature of Grand Recorder: _____

Phone and email: _____

Signature / State Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman: _____

Phone and email: _____

This form must be accompanied by the completed Nomination Form and Total Fees.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF MINISTERS

The following are the selection criteria suggested for use in choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please carefully consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply.

Ministers to be considered should:

- Have never traveled to the Holy Land before.
- Be in good physical health (if the idea of walking a brisk mile or more – uphill, non-stop, with steps - is a concern, this may not be the program from which this person would benefit). This is a physically rigorous program. We average 5 – 7 miles of walking each day. Many surfaces are uneven, unpaved, with steps and some steep inclines. This is an important consideration. A person who is unable to fully participate will miss valuable parts of this experience. *(We do offer a Senior Pilgrimage in the Fall of even years for those with mild mobility issues.)*
- Be serving in some form of Credentialed Ministry (Ordained, Certified, Licensed, etc.) A copy of the minister's credentials (certificate or letter) is to accompany the nomination form.
- Be currently serving in a leadership ministry, with regular preaching responsibility. This means that they are employed by the church in a leadership role and that ministry is considered their primary source of income.
- Be mindful of the value of including women and minority pastors for consideration.
- Have served at least one year in full time ministry in a primary leadership role as pastor / minister.
- Have at least ten years of full time service remaining in their active ministry. This opportunity is intended to enhance the ongoing preaching, teaching and overall biblical understanding of the participant, and in turn, benefit those they serve.
- Be willing to travel with an ecumenical group of other ministers from many denominations and religious groups, both male and female ministers, and maintain a professional and courteous attitude toward all.
- Be willing to travel in a program sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, an appendant organization of Freemasonry.
- Be willing to travel without their spouse. This is non-negotiable.
- Have the understanding that this is a strenuous educational and spiritual study seminar / historical & cultural immersion experience and not a vacation trip.