



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Grand Commandery of Georgia
May 16, 2025

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 41st Holy Land Pilgrimage in February 2026.

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 2022 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates are:

Group A: February 9 – 19, 2026

Group B: February 23 – March 5, 2026

Travel date will be honored on a first come, first served basis. There will be 2 groups, A & B.

- The cost this year has increased and is **\$4,800.00** from EWR in Newark NJ to Tel Aviv, Israel. This includes three meals daily, entrance fees, standard tipping, and travel insurance. (Also included: fuel surcharge and the airport tax.) The increased cost is primarily due to greater airline expenses. **This fee does not include domestic flights from Atlanta to EWR 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%.
- **States who have carried over previously registered pilgrim ministers and had us hold the money, the additional fee of \$800 will need to be paid to complete their registration for the 2026 trip. It is strongly suggested that you have the previously registered pilgrim ministers complete a new nomination form and send it with payment so that we have the most up to date data as possible.**
- In order to expedite communications, please send your email addressed 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, 2021.**

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**, those who have not been to the Holy Land before. 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). Make sure your pilgrims are physically capable of fully participating in this trip.

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In His name and service,

Rev. Terry L. Hensley

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