

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



**Have P.R.I.D.E. as a Knight Templar**

## **Executive Order No. 2 - Order of the Cross of Jerusalem**

To the Sir Knights under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar has much in common with the Order of DeMolay. The first one is their Masonic relationship. The second is the Chivalric principles and values of Templary upon which their Order was founded. Last, they modeled the name of their organization after the surname of Jacques DeMolay, one of the Grand Master of Knights Templar. As Knights Templar, we should always treasure and develop this close relationship with have with DeMolay.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida approved in their 2010 Grand Conclave a five year plan. One of its goals is to aid and assist the Order of DeMolay. Within those goals, the Grand Commandery would honor Sir Knights of the Order of DeMolay who have gone beyond the call of duty and responsibilities in serving mankind, their fraters and the Order of DeMolay.

In my capacity and with the authority vested in me as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida and in keeping with the goals of our organization, I hereby declare and establish the **Order of the Cross of Jerusalem** to honor these Sir Knights of the Order of DeMolay with the following provisions:

1. The Sir Knights to be honored will be knighted at the DeMolay Annual Conclave.
2. Membership to this Order is only for members of the Order of DeMolay and not advisors.
3. The maximum number of Sir Knights to be knighted will not exceed seven during a year.
4. A short ritual for the knighting ceremony will be written.
5. The knighting will be handled by the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida, or his appointed representative.
6. The Knights of the Cross of Jerusalem will be distinguished by wearing a black and white sash with a red Jerusalem cross on the white portion of the sash. It shall be worn from their right shoulder to their left side.
7. The Knights of the Cross of Jerusalem are allowed to wear this sash at any non-tyled function of the Grand Commandery or a Constituent Commandery.

Each Constituent Commandery is expected to recognize and honor these Sir Knights of the Cross of Jerusalem for their dedication and service to the Order of DeMolay. This executive order is issued and signed on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011 A.D. in the city of Homosassa, Florida.

Courteously and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.K. David A. Aponte'.

S.K. David A. Aponte  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

