

*NON NOBIS DOMINE NON NOBIS SED NOMINI TUO DA GLORIAM*

# **THE TEMPLAR DISPATCH**

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If you didn't make it to the Change of Command you missed a good time, Prior Raymond had made excellent arrangements and those of us who could make it enjoyed it very much. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve in the office of Prior. It is very humbling. It is even more so when one follows such a great Prior as our Prior Morehead. I remember the day I became a Knight and just before the formal investiture Prior Morehead came to the upper room and washed all of the postulant's feet. This was a beautiful and Christ like act. It made a deep and lasting impression on my mind. It was certainly a message on Templar and Christian leadership. I think our cousins the British Army coined the term for it 'Service Leadership' I believe at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst service leadership is the order of the day.

## **From The Prior's Desk...**

Knights and Dames of the Priory of Mount Saint Michael's,

Merry Christmas to you all! I hope you are all enjoying the season. I really love Christmas time and look forward to it every year. I tend to keep it in my own quiet way. This year I will be going south to Oregon to visit with my Mother and sisters.

In any case, I hope I can be the kind of leader the Priory needs and one who can follow in the footsteps of Prior Raymond. And soon the birthday of Christ, the best news anyone ever had! May your Christmas be a blessed one.

The New Year is rushing right at us, have a good one! We will be getting active so be ready! Please take a look at the vacancies in the line of officers for the Priory, if you are so inclined consider taking one of them. I know times have been trying and a lot of things that used to work simply don't or can't anymore. We will be finding ways to overcome time, speed and distance in the year ahead. That is what sailors have always done! By the way for any of you that are interested, my military title is Boatswain's Mate Chief and is letter designated as BMC and not CBM. An interesting fact: enlisted sailors have no rank, they have rates. Officers have rank beginning at O1.

God Bless You  
Prior Roger A. Barnstead

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## From AB Chev. Robert Parlotz's Desk...

### A Christmas reflection

Christmas is a special time of the year during all phases of one's life, from childhood to senior citizen. The Nativity of our Lord, however, is the center place of Christmas. There is a Celtic blessing which reads: "Child of Glory; Child of Mary; Born in the stable; The King of all; You came to our wasteland; In our place suffered; Draw near to us who to you call. Bless to us this day of joy; Open to us heaven's generous gates; Strengthen our hope; Revive our tired soul; 'Til we sing the joys of your glory; With all the angels of heaven." Christmas is a time of blessing and deliverance.

The Christian theologian Claus Westermann, in Blessing in the Bible and the Life of the Church (1978), reminds us that God deals with his people in two main ways by delivering them from what is bad and by blessing what is good in their lives. In the Old Testament, blessing included both the spiritual and the material aspects of life. A blessing is mediated along the lines of relationship. Once relationships are severed, the blessing is dissipated. The work of blessing is most effective when it is linked with knowledge, wisdom, or the gift of "seeing." Jesus Christ demonstrated the dual work of deliverance and blessing. He asked His apostles to continue a work of "binding and loosing" (that is, blessing) people. (Matt. 16:19)

So why has mankind lost sight of blessing in all aspects of life? Since Augustine in the fourth century, there has been a tendency in Western Christianity to emphasize the evil in human life from which we need deliverance, but to fail to emphasize the good in human life and in creation that we need to bless. This is like looking at the world through spectacles that have only one lens. As I listen to the daily news reports, I fear that many people are only looking through one lens and things are only seen as out of balance. That is what using only one lens does to us.

The Christ child born in humility brought the glory of God into the midst of humanity. Glory has its foundation in humility. Sadly, our worldly definitions of glory may not include humility, and therefore, prideful illusions are vacant of any true glory. Glory, in truth, has a foundation of humility as seen in the birth of the Son of God in a stable in Bethlehem. Arrogance and pride are not only sins; they are choices of an unreality. Humility and glory are not in a relationship of opposition, but one of reciprocity.

The Son of God, when he abased himself all the way to live our life and die our death, is no less God. His glory is His love. In the same way, the more that humility is a deliberate choice for us, freedom in view of love, the more we approach our authentic grandeur and our truth. Hence, our Templar reference to: "*Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini Tuo da gloriam...*"

It is here that prayer plays an indispensable role, namely, we are invited to unify the Jesus of the Gospel—the Jesus of the beatitudes and the passion,—in a single regard, with the concrete reality of our lives. What are the circumstances under which my desire for grandeur tends to puff me up? What are the occasions when I feel humbled by someone else, or by my limitations? This is so I can know how to concretely choose to act, not through pride, but through generosity and forbearance.

When love accompanies understanding and humble affection accompanies knowledge, we can experience a dynamic stability. The presence of humility makes no room for pride or selfishness. Humility displaces such evils as pride and selfishness while making room for God. At the same time, humility does not derive us of courage nor does it undermine the greatness of the soul. Humility and greatness are less opposed to each other than united. On the contrary, the two realities of humility and greatness mutually support each other so well that the greatness, without restricting itself so as to not engender pride, gives humility its maximum depth. We discover that we can turn ourselves toward God, counting on His support and help in prayer. As a result, we discover the true meaning of service to others in God's Name and the true meaning of Christmas.

*Soli Deo Gloria* was the motto I chose for my episcopal crest when my jurisdiction elected me as their *Soli Deo Gloria* means "For the glory of God alone." We ask God to daily renew us in our service to and care for others.

The common prayer at Christmastide related to the Nativity of our Lord is:

Almighty God, who has given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit forever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

May the peace of the Lord be with you during this Christmas season.

The Most Rev. Dr. Robert D. Parlotz, THFP  
Archbishop and Primate

## On a Charitable Note...

St. Francis House in Puyallup received backpacks donated by the Priory of Mount Saint Michael's. They included a notice in their newsletter:

**BACKPACKS** - The Knights Templar in Milton donated **ten** backpacks for the homeless. These are special backpacks, big in size, made of waterproof material with pockets inside to contain personal items and have straps attached to the outside to hold a sleeping bag. These homeless people thank the Knights for a backpack that allows them to keep their possessions safe and dry.

## From Chev. Raymond L. Morehead, Past Prior III...

As Past Prior, I offer my thanks and appreciation to all the officers, Confreres and members that have served with me and who have made my 5 years as prior of Mount Saint Michael's a most memorable and rewarding tour of duty. Prior Barnstead, several of your officers come to your command with experience from the last, demonstrating their dedication to the success of this Priory and our Order. The past contributions to the betterment of this Priory and Order needs no review for they were accomplished by all to the glory of Christ's Name not ours.

Your exultancy Prior Barnstead I offer you, your officers and membership this important and formidable challenge, To take the small contributions and accomplishments of the last four plus years, pressing ahead to even greater success and ultimately the needed growth and expansion of this Priory for the betterment of our most Noble Order and glory of our Lord.

Prior Barnstead I now pass on to you this symbolic set of Keys to the Priory of Mount Saint Michael's. They open not the many Priory Doors of this Priory for our Priory exists in our hearts, our compassion and charitable work wherever and whenever we are doing the Lords work. Yet you do stand at the threshold of a doorway you will now pass through into your command as Prior IV, These keys Therefore stand as a daily reminder to you that You now hold in your hands the keys to the noble responsibility and success of this Priory before the National/and International Order and ultimately Christ our Lord.

Congratulations and may God Bless your command and your officers and members.

## Editor's Note...

We try to get the Dispatch out to members by the end of the issue month, but sometimes we're a little late. We'd like to say we always have articles to include, but we don't. Sometimes we have to dig for something to put into the Dispatch, otherwise there just isn't a reason for doing an issue. This is where YOU come in. If you have any news to share, please submit it to Chev. Raymond Morehead, Councilor!

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**“Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.”**

**~St. Francis of Assisi**

## From the Chancellor...

December 9, 2011

The Priory Christmas Social was held at the Best Western Hotel in Federal Way, WA.

Fourteen members and guests attended. After a nice dinner and Toasts, an Order of Change of Command was held. The slate of newly elected Officers was read. Those present stood as Prior Morehead administered the Oath of Office. New Prior IV Roger Barnstead received the Priors Flag. Archbishop Parlotz offered a blessing upon the new Officers and Prior. Heartfelt words were spoken by Prior Morehead as he passed command to Prior Barnstead.

Prior Barnstead made a few remarks, and presented a large picture of Jerusalem as a gift to Prior Morehead. \$160.00 in Mites were collected. Several children's toys and several gift cards will be donated to Saint Francis House, then the Special meeting was closed.

Good fellowship was had by all attendees.

Chev. John Knierim, KTJ, Chancellor



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