

# *The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa*

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## *2024 - 2025 Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage*

*To: All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers, and Sir Knights of all  
Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa*

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa is desirous of participating in and supporting the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program for the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery Year.

Each Constituent Commandery of Iowa may nominate a full-time Christian minister. A minister being nominated must meet the following qualifications:

- 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.
- 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 a 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.
- The minister need not be a Mason, or a Knight Templar, but preference will be given to a member of the Fraternity.
- The minister should be willing to have his or her participation in the Holy Land Pilgrimage program publicized.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE for Christian Ministers takes place in February of each year.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

2025 – tentatively

Group A, Monday, February 3 – Thursday, February 13, 2025

Group B, Monday, February 17 – Thursday, February 27, 2025

April: The Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage sends to each State Chairman and the Grand Recorder of each state the information on the cost for the upcoming pilgrimage and forms for the coming year's pilgrimage (which is the following February). Forms are available year round online at: [www.kthlp.com](http://www.kthlp.com)

All nominations are to be mailed to Tim Anderson, Grand Recorder 1134 650<sup>th</sup> Ave. Albia, IA 52531-8872 and received by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Grand Recorder will forward copies of nominations to the Religious Activities Committee who will select the applicants to be recommended to the Executive Committee. The selection of the ministers who will be invited on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be made by the Executive Committee.

The Grand Commander will notify the successful applicant by October 1st so proper arrangements may be made for the pilgrimage in February.

If a minister is not chosen, the name may be resubmitted the following year.

Although there are no restrictions as to the minister's church, or his or her denomination, it would be good not to recommend a person who does not have a favorable opinion of the Fraternity.

To make this a successful program in Iowa, we seek the participation and support of each constituent Commandery.

Each Grand Recorder and State Pilgrimage Chairman receives a copy of the **Nomination Form** to be filled out for each pilgrim minister you select. (It would be useful for you to use this form for all ministers nominated in your state.) Also included in this mailing are the **Guidelines for Selection of Ministers, and a Certification form**. When you submit the materials for your pilgrim ministers, you will need to include three items: #1 Certification Form (signed by the Grand Recorder and the State Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman), #2 the Nomination Form (filled out completely by the pilgrim minister), and #3 the full fee (check made out to **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, INC**). **All of these items are due by September 30 every year.** We cannot guarantee there will be space available for those states who submit materials after the September 30 due date.

This General Order is to be read at the First Regular Conclave of each constituent Commandery after its receipt, and distributed to its members electronically or by USPS.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of June, 2024, A.O. 895. Keith A. Myhre, R.E.G.C.

Chivalric Regards,



Keith A. Myhre  
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:



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