



Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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“The Challenge – 100% Life Sponsors”

Somewhere in the world every 5 seconds, a child goes blind.

On the other end of the spectrum, a senior American with no insurance may receive a thorough eye exam and receive treatment with no out-of-pocket cost through the EyeCare America program.

In both of these scenarios, people depend on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) to help save their sight.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is leading the fight to cure and prevent blindness in children and provide care for qualifying seniors, and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Ohio have been challenged to do what we always do - be a leader in this pursuit.

Let me explain how.

At our Grand Conclave in October, the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Michael B. Johnson, challenged the two largest jurisdictions in Grand Encampment - Ohio and Texas - to become the first to have 100 percent of its membership become KTEF Life Sponsors.

For only \$30.00, a Sir Knight can become a Life Sponsor. **More than 70% of Ohio Sir Knights are Life Sponsors.** 30 of our 69 Commanderies boast a Life Sponsor percentage of 85% or higher. This goal is within reach! In this joyous season when we give thanks for all of the blessings that we enjoy while we celebrate the birth of our Blessed Emmanuel, will you help us get there?

Recorders can view their Commandery's Life Sponsor list in MMS. When you log in to MMS, first select REPORTS, then from the drop-down selections choose DONATIONS, then MISC, followed by KTEF EXEMPTION ROSTER. From this page, look for ACCOUNTS in the top right and select "88-Life Sponsors" and RUN REPORT. You will see the names of the Sir Knights who are Life Sponsors.

To help us reach our goal of 100% participation, we ask that you share the opportunity to become a Life Sponsor with those members who are not on this list. If you are near 100%, perhaps the Commandery would consider a matching program to encourage those who are not yet Life Sponsors to step up? This month alone, two Commanderies have reached 100% by paying the \$30.00 for the few members who were not yet Life Sponsors.

You might also share with your members this wonderful [video](#) on what the Knights Templar Eye Foundation does to help cure child blindness. It will amaze you! **80% of childhood blindness is curable and preventable if detected early, and there are still DIRECT PATIENT CARE SERVICES available to those who qualify through EyeCare America.** More information can be found [here](#).

What a difference we can make! Please help us reach our goal and show the state of Texas and the entire Grand Encampment how proud we are to be members of the LARGEST and BEST jurisdiction in Grand Encampment - the **GRAND COMMANDERY OF OHIO!**

May you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas season.

In His Service,

R. Thomas Starr

State Chairman

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P.S., If you have any questions about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, please contact Tom Starr at (740) 974-5620. If you need help finding information in MMS, contact our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Al Johnson, at (937) 465-3202.