



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND?

Each year the Arizona Knights Templar sponsor Ordained Christian Ministers on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We are interested in providing those ministers, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience to invigorate their work.

We've seen that having the experience of 'walking where Jesus walked' ... and being immersed in the land, the sights, the sounds, the history, and the cultures of the Holy Land, past and present ... greatly enhances the preaching, teaching, and spirituality of the Christian ministers who participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for you, your Church and your congregation.

This year's pilgrimage will take place over 11 days (9 in Israel) and will consist of visiting sites of interest from bases in Galilee and Jerusalem. These sites include Joppa, Mt Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Capernaum, Cana of Galilee, Nazareth, and sites in Jerusalem.

Are you a minister ... or do you know of a minister ... that would benefit from this experience? All the information may be found in the menu items on this page. Read it through, watch the video, and if this seems like a fit, download the Information Pack and send in your application. You ... or your minister ... may be going to the Holy Land!

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Thanks for your attention and good luck!



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM 2018

1. FULL FIRST MIDDLE & LAST NAME: _____
2. HOME ADDRESS: _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____
3. TELEPHONE: area code (_____) home: _____ work _____ mobile: _____
4. AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Email: _____
5. Spouse's name, if married: _____ Number of years married: _____
6. Children's name(s) and age(s), if any: _____

7. HIGHER EDUCATION - give name of school, years attended, and degrees achieved:

8. Type of ordination and name of body conferring ordination (***please attach a copy of your ordination certificate***):

9. Name of Church you currently serve and its complete address (including city, state & zip) and **office phone**:

10. Number of years in **full time** ordained ministry: _____
11. List other churches, years served and positions held:

12. Have you ever been to the Holy Land? _____ If yes, give the date(s) and the single most inspiring site visited:

- 13a. Why would you like to travel to the Holy Land? _____

13b. Upon your return, how might this experience effect your ministry? _____

14. Masonic affiliation, if any: _____

15. Why did you elect to become a minister? _____

16. **Please obtain a signature** from the Chair of your Personnel Committee, Church Board, District or Regional Supervisor, etc. If selected to be a Pilgrim Minister on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, this pastor will be granted leave to participate.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name and Contact information: _____

17. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land as a guest of the Knights Templar? _____

18. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land WITHOUT your spouse (this is not negotiable)? _____

19. Are you willing to be a part of a traveling group made up of members of many other denominations? _____

20. Do you know of any Knights Templar in your church? _____

If so, please list name(s): _____

21. Are you aware of any health problems which would prevent or limit your participation in this strenuous trip? _____

22. Do you require medication? _____

23. What is the size of your congregation? _____

24. Number of ministers serving the congregation: _____

25. Do you hold a valid passport for travel to Israel? _____

If no, do you foresee any difficulty in obtaining one? _____

26. If chosen, will you be able to travel on the dates, **Feb 12 to Feb 22, 2018** ?

27. Has your name ever been submitted as a Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage nominee in the past? _____

I commit to clearing my personal calendar and making the necessary arrangements with the church to facilitate my full participation and travel with the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage if selected.

Minister's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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28. Recommending Commandery: _____ Commandery No. _____

29. Recommending Commander's Signature: _____

30. Recommending Commandery– Contact person for info, details, and arrangements (name, address, phones, & email):

Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF MINISTERS

The following are the selection criteria suggested for use in choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please carefully consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply.

Please take careful note, the guidelines have recently changed.

Ministers to be considered should:

- Have **never traveled to the Holy Land** before.
- 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 their primary source of income.
- 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 of **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.
- 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.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DAY 1

Depart from an airport to JFK. Meet with tour host. Check in with EL AL. Depart for the overnight, non-stop flight to Israel.

DAY 2

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport. Meeting and assistance through customs to your waiting guide and motor coach. Transfer to Tel Aviv. Check into your hotel for dinner, group meeting, and overnight (D) **Overnight:** Tel Aviv, Israel

DAY 3

After breakfast we will drive to **Joppa**, the ancient port city to view the home of Simon the Tanner. Now we will begin our journey north along the coastal road to **Caesarea**, built by Herod the Great. It was here that Peter was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Crusader's fortress and Roman ruins. On to **Mount Carmel** to visit the Carmelite monastery. Continue to Megiddo for lunch. Tour **Megiddo**, ancient chariot city of King Solomon and Ahab. Drive to **Mt. Tabor** where we will pick up taxi's to get us to the top of the mountain to visit the Church of the Transfiguration. Continue to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.(B,L,D) **Overnight:** Galilee, Israel

DAY 4

This morning we will visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Then we continue to **Tabgha**, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fish and proceed to **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' Ministry in the Galilee. Weather permitting we will have a special boat ride on a reconstructed wooden boat similar to the one used by Simon Peter. Today we will also enjoy a St. Peter fish meal. Our next visit will be to the town of **Gergesa** (Kursi). It is here that Jesus healed two demon possessed men, the demons joined a herd of pigs and rushed down into the Sea of Galilee. Next we will visit the site of baptism at the **River Jordan** before returning to our kibbutz where we will visit the ancient boat from the time of Jesus. Dinner and overnight at your kibbutz (B,L,D) **Overnight:** Galilee, Israel

DAY 5

Depart your kibbutz and drive to **Cana** of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle. Continue to **Nazareth**, visit the Church of the Annunciation, Joseph's Workshop, and Mary's Well. Lunch enroute. On to **Beit She'an**, to see the excavations and visit the Roman theater. Proceed Continue to Jerusalem, stopping in **Ein Karem**, the traditional birthplace of St. John the Baptist, before checking into our hotel. Dinner and overnight. (B,L,D) **Overnight:** Jerusalem, Israel

DAY 6

We make our way to the Temple area including the **Western Wall**. Stop at **St. Stephen's Gate** which commemorates the place where the first Christian Martyr was stoned to death. Visit the **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pool of Bethesda** and follow Jesus' footsteps along the **Via Dolorosa**, reaching the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary Stop for lunch in the old city before continuing to the Cardo. We will now make our way to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room and the Tomb of King David. Visit the Dormition Abbey and stop at the place where Peter denied Jesus, St. Peter in Gallicantu. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,L,D) **Overnight:** Jerusalem, Israel

DAY 7

Join services at one of the Churches in the area of your hotel. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Jerusalem, Israel

DAY 8

Drive to the **Mount of Olives** and the Hill of the Ascension for a panoramic view of the Eternal City. Visit the **Chapel of the Ascension**, the **Pater Noster Church** to see the Lord's Prayer in 53 languages. We proceed to the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus was betrayed, followed by a visit to the **Tomb of the Holy Virgin**. Lunch enroute. We continue through the Valley of Kidron to the **Pool of Siloah**, **Hezekiah's Tunnel** and the Tombs of Absalom and Zacchariah. Lunch at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel. Drive on to **Bethlehem**. (Depending upon security situation) To the East we can see the Field of Ruth where Ruth, the Moabite, met Boaz. Adjacent to Bethlehem is **Shepherd's Field** - Grotto of the Nativity as well as the manger where Mary placed the Child at birth. (In the event it is not possible to enter Bethlehem, a special program in the Old City including the underground tunnel and the multimedia presentation at the southern wall-Davidson Center) Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem(B,L,D) **Overnight:** Jerusalem, Israel

DAY 9

After breakfast, we will drive to the lowest point on earth. Descend the mountain into the Desert of Judah; visit the **Inn of the Good Samaritan**. At 1300 feet below sea-level, visit Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world. Continue to the **Oasis of Ein Gedi**. Reach **Sodom** (in biblical times the city was destroyed by the Lord because of the sins of the inhabitants). Visit the Fortress of **Massada** the last stronghold of the Zealots in the war against the Romans. Lunch enroute. Continue to the **Qumran** Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. There may be an opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.(B,L,D) **Overnight:** Jerusalem, Israel

DAY 10

Drive to **Yad Vashem**, memorial to the six million Jewish martyrs of World War Two. Visit the Museum and walk along the Street of the Righteous, dedicated to the non-Jews who risked their lives during the Holocaust. Lunch enroute. Drive to the Israel Museum and the **Shrine of the Book**. Also visit the **Scale Model of the Old City** during the Second Temple Period. Holy Communion at the **Garden Tomb**. This evening prepare for your farewell dinner at the hotel & departure to airport(B,L,D)

DAY 11

Return to JFK in New York. Pass through Customs. Gather luggage. Proceed to make connections with your domestic flights. Arrive home!

Travel arrangements by:

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