

**Solemn Military Order Of The Temple Of Jerusalem
Grand Priory United States of America
Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed Nomini Tuo da Gloriam**

Priory of Saint Norbert



Ad omne opus bonum parati

HISTORY OF THE PRIORY OF SAINT NORBERT

Preface

Not Unto Us is a phrase that resonates with every knight and dame Templar because it undergirds who we are, sustains what we do and affirms how we interact with others. The history that follows exemplifies all that Not Unto Us embodies and symbolizes.

Not Unto Us comes from Psalm 115, part of which is a short Latin hymn as well as a prayer of thanksgiving and expression of humility. We listen to it at every convent and investiture and sometimes hear it set to music. We read it in our Templar publications. We often sign our communications with it. It is a constant reminder that we do what we do for the glory of God rather than for our own self-aggrandizement or other ulterior motives. We humans often take credit for God's works and the psalmist proclaims that all glory should go to God!

This psalm is a victory hymn of sorts, first with Jeremiah and the Babylonian desolation of Jerusalem and later with the Knights Templar and the Crusades. In the 1989 film version of Shakespeare's Henry V, Patrick Doyle's moving canon of Psalm 115 provides a very dramatic musical background to the Battle of Agincourt. Not Unto Us has been a part of us during the past fifty years and will be in the next fifty years.

Walt Kelly's cartoon character Pogo might well describe our future as Knights Templar when he says, "We are confronted with insurmountable opportunities." Let's keep Not Unto Us in mind as we explore and live out some of those opportunities.

Psalm 115 KJV

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

²Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

³But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

⁴Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

⁵They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

⁶They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

⁷They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

⁸They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

⁹O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

¹¹Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

¹²The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

¹³He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

¹⁴The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

¹⁵Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

¹⁶The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

¹⁷The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

¹⁸But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lor

Priory of St. Norbert Templar History 1962 - 2012

When Terrence Quandt of South Holland, Illinois was invested into the Priory of St. John the Baptist in Milwaukee in early 1991, he was asked by Prior Thomas P. Curtis, I to develop a commandery in the Chicago area and in northwest Indiana. The first

organizational meeting was held in Chicago on October 31, 1991, at which time the group voted to honor this Chicago commandery under the patronage of St. Norbert.

St. Norbert was a German knight who renounced his profligate life and became a priest and later a bishop. More importantly, he was a contemporary of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the main force who secured early Templar support and acceptance in France and from the Papacy. Both clergymen traveled together to Rome for an audience with the Pope.

A second organizational meeting took place on July 26, 1992. The group developed plans for the Commandery's first Vespers and Aumonier's Reception on October 31 at St. James Chapel at Quigley Preparatory Seminary. At that time, St. Norbert was established officially as a Commandery with Chev. Quandt as its first commander.

BG Patrick E. Rea was invested in the Order in 1994 and recruited many friends and acquaintances. Chev. Rea is credited with the exponential growth of the commandery and priory. The Commandery of St. Norbert officially became a priory on July 1, 1996, with seventy-five knights and dames.

Chev. Terrence Quandt was installed as Prior I and Rea became chancellor. The new priory was charged to expand throughout Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. BG Chev Patrick Rea became Prior I and Chev. Terrence Quandt served as the first Deputy Grand Prior for Region IV. Rea became Grand Prior XIII in 2002, OSMTH Grand Commander in 2004 and International Grand Master in 2010.

The Priory of St. Norbert sponsored the Commandery of St. Louis the Crusader in Missouri in 1997. COL David N. Appleby from Missouri was recruited and appointed by Prior Quandt to head the Commandery, which became a prior three years later. Deputy Grand Prior Quandt appointed CAPT Chev. Charles Jindrich, GOTJ of West Lafayette to establish a commandery in Indiana, under the sponsorship of the Priory of St Norbert. Chev. Jindrich held two convents and investitures at Purdue University in 2010 and 2011. The Commandery of St. Mother Theodore Guerin was officially established in 2011.

The Priory of St. Norbert supports a number of charitable causes and organizations across the nation and throughout the world in keeping with the Templar mission of coming to the aid of Christians. It initiated the Teddy Bears for Sick Kids program, in which it purchased and distributed thousands of teddy bears to children hospitals in the Chicago area since 1994. The Priory has hosted a Christmas party dinner since 1997, with presents for children and families of parishioners at St. Michael the Archangel Church, one of the poorest parishes in Chicago. Priory members donate school supplies to these parish children as well.

The Priory organized and hosted an organ and choir concert at St. James Episcopal Cathedral in Chicago and donated \$15,000 to help rebuild the Russian Orthodox Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow. The Priory raised a large sum of money to furnish railroad cars in Russia to bring Christian worship, teaching, and health services to people living in remote areas of northwestern Russia.

The Priory of St. Norbert, in cooperation with the Orthodox Church in Serbia, contributed over \$65,000 to purchase Special high-tech satellite telephones during the war in Kosovo. These were used to connect NATO troop headquarters with several Orthodox churches that had come regularly under attack and gunfire, and NATO troops defended these Christian worshipers and stopped the attacks. The priory sent teddy bears for children in Kosovo as well.

The Priory of Saint Norbert was directly involved in the collection and distribution of school supplies in Afghanistan during the Global War on Terror, and provided financial assistance to hire teachers at female schools. It sent financial aid in the form of antibiotics and medical supplies to Archbishop Ganda in Sierra Leone in 2002, and donated over 40% of the budget in 2006 toward building a juvenile prison gymnasium in Russia.

St. Norbert has committed to underwriting three four-year nursing scholarships for Middle Eastern Christians at risk. Also, the Priory has earmarked funds to aid Iraqi Christians living in the United States, as well as help build fresh water wells in India and Pakistan.

Priors of St. Norbert:

- Prior I Chev. Terrence John Quandt, GCTJ, GMTJ (1996-1999)**
- Prior II BG Chev. Patrick Edward Rea, GCTJ, GMTJ (1999-2001)**
- Prior III Chev. Ronald Scott Mangum, GCTJ (2001)**
- Prior IV COL Chev. David George Seaman, GCTJ (2001-2003)**
- Prior V Chev. Frederick N. Fedorchak, DPM, GCTJ (2003)**
- Prior VI COL Chev. Renato "Ron" P. Bacci Jr., GCTJ (2003-2005)**
- Prior VII HSH Renate zu Windisch-Graetz, DGCTJ, CMTJ (2005-2007)**
- Prior VIII Chev. Randal Lee Huizenga, GCTJ (2007-2009)**
- Prior IX Chvse. Jean Marie Kelm (Goulka), DGOTJ (2009-2011)**
- Prior X Chev. Michael Joseph Levickas, GOTJ (2011-2013)**
- Prior XI Chevalier Jeffrey David Ficaro, GOTJ (2013-2015)**
- Prior XII LTC Chevalier Robert Roger Goulka, GCTJ, CMTJ (2015-2017)**
- Prior XIII CAPT Chevalier Steven Richard Michaels, GOTJ (2017-2019)**
- Prior XIV Chevalier Joseph David Kotalik, GOTJ (2019-2021)**

Prior XV COL Chevalier Stefanos G. Venable, GCTJ, CMTJ (2021-2023)
Prior XVI BG Chevalier John Leonard Fascia, KCTJ (2023)
Prior XVII COL Chevalier Damon Theodore Arnold, MD, KCTJ (2023-Current)

Royal and Noble Members of St. Norbert

BG Chev. Patrick E. Rea, GCTJ, GMTJ played a major role financially, as well as bridging the gap between faiths, in bringing individuals together from all major creeds.

Priory of St. Norbert has been blessed over the years to work with many royal patrons and clergy as a result of his labors. Here is a partial list of these distinguished members:

HRH Princess Elisabeth Zu Ysenburg und Büdingen is the GPUSA Royal Patron. Princess Elisabeth has made many trips to Tinley Park, sister city of Büdingen, Germany and formed lasting relationships with members of St. Norbert, since her investiture into the Priory of St. Norbert. Her two sons, Johann Georg Prinz zu Isenburg-Büdingen-Wachtersbach and Ludwig Ferdinand Prinz zu Isenburg-Büdingen-Wachtersbach have been invested as members of the Priory of St. Norbert as well.

His Highness, Duke Alexander of Mecklenburg is Prince of Wenden, Schwerin and Ratzeburg. Also, he is Count of Schwerin, Lord of the Lands of Rostock and Stargard and Prince of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

HSH Princess Renate Zu Windisch-Graetz is former German Consul and wife of the late Reverend Prince Arnold Windisch-Graetz, Priory of St. Norbert Chaplain and Deputy Grand Chaplain of the Grand Priory of the United States of America.

Also, Count Alexander Zu Reventlow is a Danish baron and current head of the OSMTH youth division.

Baron Bernerd Frederick von Maydell of Germany is a German noble and Army Airborne officer. He was the first European noble to join the GPUSA after the late King Peter. He was very active in the early years of St. Norbert and helped make it possible for other nobles to join GPUSA.

His Beatitude the Most Blessed THEODOSIUS, Metropolitan of the United States of America and Canada, has made many visits to the Priory of St. Norbert and participated in many of our investitures.

His Eminence Metropolitan CHRISTOPHER, the late Primate of the Serbian Orthodox Church of the United States and Canada, is a St. Norbert member.

His Grace Bishop Juan Cobra, the late Primate of the United States and Canada for the Lutheran Slovakian Church, was very active in the Priory of St. Norbert. He opened his

churches to the Priory and accompanied the OSMTH-I delegation to the United Nations in New York.

His Eminence Archbishop JOB, the late presiding Bishop of the Orthodox Church of America (OCA) for the United States Midwest, was a very a very special friend of St. Norbert and GPUSA. He extended his apostolic blessing to GPUSA and accompanied our official delegation to Russia and he was a Russian Archbishop as well.

We have been blessed with the tremendous support of our GPUSA Grand Master Col. Chev. Fred Kienle, Ph.D., GCTJ, GMTJ throughout this process. Moving forward the Priory of Saint Norbert will be embracing technological approaches to deepen the impact of God's work through Christian engagement with our local communities and globally under the leadership of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (SMOTJ) and the Grand Priory of the United States of America (GPUSA). The Priory of Saint Norbert website, revised and constructed in May 2026, with the outstanding help of GPUSA's Grand Technology Officer (GTO) His Excellency Chev. Patrick Giese, GTO-SMOTJ and the outstanding Webmaster Mr. John Jarvis of Jarvis Media Group. We are adding a website feature that will memorialize the notables members above and the truly remarkable members of our priory. They have chosen to have God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ work God's will through their lives on Earth. We praise God for allowing and supporting us to do the work in His name. May God continue to bless you, your family and protect you during your work in His name. Amen Prior Arnold nnDnn