



Beauceant News



We would like to let you know a bit about our Social Order of the Beauceant.

Our order was originally started at the suggestion of the Commandery in Denver, Colorado, in August of 1892 to assist with the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The ladies so loved their work that they voted to expand their order in 1913, when again they assisted in hosting the Triennial.

The Social Order of the Beauceant is a ritualistic order with the theme of Faith, Loyalty, Love for God, the Order of Knights Templar, and each other. Just as the order of Knights Templar is known to be a Christian arm of Masonry, so is Beauceant a Christian Masonic lady's group. Its ritual is beautiful, impressive, based on the New Testament, and allows us to have a deeper appreciation of Templarism. We tell the story of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ who dedicated their lives to the protection of men, women, and children during their pilgrimages to and from the holy places sanctified by our Lord. That ancient brotherhood became known as the Knights of the Temple or Knights Templar.

Because Beauceant membership consists of the wives and widows of Knights Templar and the mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of Knights Templar or a Beauceant member, it has received the encouragement, good will, and moral support of Sir Knights wherever established.

The Social Order of the Beauceant adopted the Knight Templar Eye Foundation as their official charity in 1957, and the order has raised millions of dollars for this cause. Each Assembly may also have other charitable causes of their choosing that they support.

Each local Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant is chartered under the Supreme Assembly which was established in 1920.

The Supreme Assembly convenes once a year in a different area of the country to conduct the business affecting Supreme Assembly and all Beauceant Assemblies. A school of Instruction, exemplification of all ritualistic work, and the installation of supreme officers happens at this time.

An Assembly may be constituted wherever there is an active Commandery of Knights Templar, a petition to constitute a new Assembly requires the signature of twenty-five to forty interested women. There are presently fifty Assemblies located in the United States: Colorado, Kansas, Ohio, California, Minnesota, Texas, Michigan, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nevada, Arizona, Wisconsin, Alabama, New Mexico, Washington, Tennessee, Maryland, Utah, Florida, Arkansas, Maine, Virginia, and Georgia.



Information can be found at <https://www.knightstemplar.org/Beauceant>



After visiting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation(KTEF) office this summer, I realized that we could not simply give, but we had to give BIG! The vision of today's children and future adults is at stake, and the research funded by the Foundation is making a huge difference in the lives of the seeing impaired.

So, this year we will be continuing our K, T, E, F dollar collection. However, It's not just one dollar bills we will collect, instead, we want any bills marked with these letters! Your recorder will collect those each month and send them to our KTEF chairman.

Each Assembly is being asked to have at least one fund raiser where all money collected goes to KTEF.

Our sisters are also encouraged to participate in the "Faith, Loyalty, and Love" certificate drive. This is done by individual sisters who give \$25, \$50, or \$100 donations to their recorders who will, in turn, report the donation and send the funds to the KTEF chairman, (Mrs. Michael) Sandy Stegan, Phoenix Assembly 213. Corresponding certificates will be returned to the Assembly where the giver will be presented with her certificate as a means of recognition and thanks.

For further information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, please go to <https://www.ktef.org>

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