



# Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



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## ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos, Grand Captain Generals, Sir Knights and Invited Guest, I have chosen the slogan "**Now is the Time**". I realize many others may have used this same motto but let me explain my rationale for using this slogan.

**Now is the Time**, for us to reclaim the imagination and inspiration of masons who seek further understanding of our fraternity's relationship to Christianity.

**Now is the Time** for us to regain the reverence and understanding of our sister fraternal organizations that are unclear of our organizations goals and status within the Masonic Family.

**Now is the Time** for us to demonstrate and explain why our costly paraphernalia is worth the commitment and sacrifices our members make to join our society.

**Now is the Time** for us to illustrate to others why our creed and statutes require us to lead those parades we participate in.

**Now is the Time** for us to demonstrate why we are worthy of carrying the Christian banner.

My fellow Sir Knights, there is much work to do and we must stand shoulder to shoulder in defending the principals of our order in addition to streamlining activities where necessary to capitalize on the talents of our members.

We must promote efficiency within our fraternity where and when necessary, along with making our meetings interesting, yet proficient.

Finally, we must maximize the time we have allotted to perform the duties and business of this organization.

I pledge the utmost of my ability and commitment and I will ask the same of my officers without exception.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

*Homer Buchanan*  
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