



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
THE BALDWIN-BROWN FELLOWSHIP  
"Building Today for a Better Tomorrow"**

The Fellowship is named for two outstanding Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, SK Richard Burditt Baldwin and SK Fitz Allen Brown.

SK Baldwin was Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1989-90. He was an Honorary-Past Commander of the Southeast Department. Virginia is proud he served as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. He was a Past Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge and a Research Lodge, a Past High Priest, and a Past Eminent Commander. He belonged to and has presided over many Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies and served as the Grand Chaplain of The Grand Lodge of Virginia. He also held multiple memberships in many Masonic bodies as a regular, honorary and charter member. SK Baldwin retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Colonel after over 30 years of distinguished service.

SK Brown served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1954. He was raised a Master Mason in Vinton Lodge No. 204 on April 28, 1924 and served as Worshipful Master in 1930. He was exalted in Murray Royal Arch Chapter No. 22 and served as High Priest in 1946. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Bayard Commandery No. 15 in 1926 and served as Eminent Commander in 1944. He started in Grand Line in 1946. He served with distinction in many Grand Commandery offices, and was an active member of Bayard Commandery. SK Brown was the senior living Past Grand Commander at the time the Baldwin-Brown Program was initiated. He retired from the Norfolk and Western Railway Company after 48 years of service.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia is indeed indebted to these two outstanding Sir Knights for allowing their names to be used in presenting the Baldwin-Brown Fellowship Fund Program. It is hoped that many Sir Knights and others will take advantage of this wonderful program that benefits Chivalric Masonry.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia borrowed a successful fund raising idea from the Grand Commandery of Indiana. The program awards a beautiful pin with additional diamonds designating the donor a Baldwin-Brown Fellow to anyone donating \$150.00 to the Baldwin-Brown Fellowship Fund.

**THE BALDWIN-BROWN PIN**

The pin is a Knights Templar Maltese Cross and Crown Emblem, surrounded by a black and white border with "Baldwin-Brown Fellow" above and "Virginia Knights Templar" below. It is about one inch in

diameter and is given for the initial donation of \$150.00. For each additional donation of \$150.00 a small diamond is affixed to the perimeter of the pin. Intended to be worn on civilian clothes, the pin may also be worn in uniform attached to the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross medal. The pin is an acknowledgement of a voluntary contribution to the Knights Templar organization and is not a reward for any particular service or office held. The pin, with diamonds, is also a beautiful gift for the ladies, displaying their support of Chivalric Masonry.

#### THE GRAND COMMANDERY FOUNDATION

Realizing all Masonic organizations in Virginia were experiencing an increase in operating costs, which was causing the necessity of increasing amounts of assessments, added to decreasing levels of membership dues, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia initiated the Baldwin-Brown Fellowship as a fund raiser to off-set harsh financial deficits. The existing Grand Commandery Knights Templar Permanent Fund is an interest earning Endowment Fund from which only the interest amounts are used for the

day-to-day operating expenses of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Baldwin-Brown Fellowship Pin can be received by completing the enrollment form at the end of this information sheet, enclosing your donation and mailing it as directed on the enrollment form.

The donor will receive an acknowledgment letter confirming the order and designating the contributor a Baldwin-Brown Fellow.

#### PRESENTATION OF BALDWIN-BROWN APPRECIATION PINS

Baldwin-Brown Fellows are presented their pins at a special ceremony at the Annual Grand Conclave Awards Banquet.

#### DONATIONS

Donations to the Baldwin-Brown Fellowship are not limited to members of the Knights Templar. Any individual, spouse or business may contribute and receive the beautiful appreciation pin.

Donations are not tax deductible at this time. They do represent an individual's interest in sustaining the operations of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is anticipated that substantial funds be raised in this manner to assist our Grand Commandery in meeting harsh financial obligations each year.

Donations do not go to the support of any Grand Commander or his expenses nor to any of the charities supported by Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Donations go into the Baldwin - Brown Fund which allows only the interest earned to be withdrawn to supplement the Grand Commandery General (Permanent) Fund.

BALDWIN-BROWN FELLOWSHIP FUND ENROLLMENT / DONATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Baldwin - Brown Fellowship Pins @ \$150.00 each.                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Diamonds (or additional) donation @ \$150.00 each.                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Partial Payment  Pin or  Diamond    Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I currently have a Pin with \_\_\_\_\_ Diamonds.    Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Davenport and Company LLC" with a notation that the check is for "Baldwin - Brown Fund" and mail it by January 1st to:

S. K. Charles Jarrett Frame, Jr., KTCH  
123 Ferry Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405-5723

Pins receiving additional diamonds are to be mailed to the above address and must be received by March 1, 2021.