

# Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



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MWB Joao Jose Xavier  
Grand Master, Grand Lodge State of Sao Paulo

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Grand Master Xavier,

The Grand Encampment of the USA has completed its deliberations and we are thrust into a new era and thought process in leadership.

I wish to reach out to you to let you know I have been asked to continue my commitment to the Sir Knights of Brazil and I cheerfully dedicate myself to them. NONE of this would be possible without faith and confidence in your leadership as Grand Master of the wonderful State of Sao Paulo.

Your leadership, insight and dedication to your members is well-known around the world and I have made every effort to make sure anyone I speak to knows how much you are respected and admired. Your passionate love for your members will be historic and remembered for many years to come. When the books are written on the history of "New American Rite in Brazil" the name Joao Jose Xavier will feature prominently.

Not only by myself, but most assuredly by Grand Master Jeffrey Nelson who has just completed his triennial term as Grand Master of Knights Templar USA. Who, to this day speaks to me about how wonderful it was to work with a man of such dedication and tenacity for his own membership. He pledged his support for you and, consequentially so do I. Gladly and without reservation of thought.

I am aware of a letter which you received from the Chairman of Foreign Relations, William Koon. We have some "internal" matters which require love and understanding to resolve so there will be peace, once again in the Templar world.

I very much look forward to your leadership for the Masons of Sao Paulo and beyond. The respect you have is true testament to the leader you are, and I look forward to years of fraternal amity and sincere friendship.

Courteously and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sid Leluan III', written over a circular stamp or seal. The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Sid Leluan III  
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