

Templars of the Plains

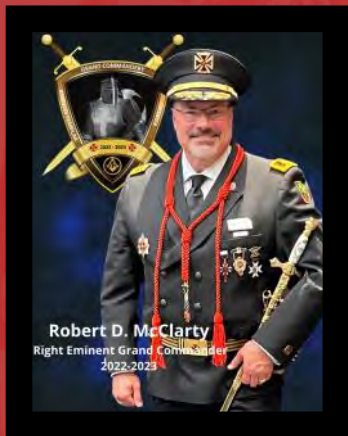
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Welcome!

Sir Knight Robert D. McClarty, Right Eminent Grand Commander, 2022-2023

Sir Knights, I thank God for all the many, many blessings and opportunities we have... especially for today and for each of you! I thank Him for placing each of us into positions, even if only for a moment in time, to continue to serve Him, our families, our communities, our vocations, our Lodges, and in Templary.

I ask that as you recognize all those Blessings and Opportunities, as you go about your daily endeavors, that you strive to live and work within the lessons of our Craft as related to the 24" Gauge, and your responsibilities as Men and Masons. I also ask that you remember the lessons you've learned during the Red Cross, Malta, and Commandery Orders; the lessons of:

Faith – Our faith is held within and is truly our own free-will. I ask that you remember the Cross of our Order, letting it be a reminder of the Sacrifice Christ made for each of us.

I encourage each you, not only to maintain, but to grow in, and develop a stronger Faith in God; for no man knows the day or the hour ~ have Faith and Be ready!

Courage – Have Courage, the bravery to face tomorrow and the challenges that you may face in the days, weeks, and years to come ~ have Courage!

Charity – To provide relief as you are able... remembering our duty as Men and Masons.

Justice – To Live Justly among all men.

Mercy – To be strong and steadfast yet, with God's help, merciful... showing compassion and forgiveness.

Generosity – To be Generous and liberal in your giving

Nobility – Be of Noble Character, you are an example to all men, be of good virtue – having honor and living with integrity.

Hope – Have an expectation and desire for a better tomorrow!

Sir Knights, there is no doubt, that each of you have become and remain a Templar Knight for various reasons... some, because of your love of Templary and your willingness to serve this Christian Order. Some because of our Christian Knightly virtues and the desire to be with like-minded men; and for others it may be the mystique and the love of Templary. Whatever may be your reasons, thank you for being a Knight Templar.

With that said, I challenge each of you to help make your Commandery and Templary more visible, more viable, and more rewarding! I challenge you to show more value in Templary to the members of your Commandery and to those in the Blue Lodges within your area. I challenge you to proudly display your Templar Values, showing excitement, duty, and honor, in being a Knight Templar. I ask you to leave your comfort zone, to develop a plan for you and your Commandery to be more... whether it be more Masonic or Templar Light, more Christian fellowship, and/or more Templar events. I challenge you to help make Templary more fun, more challenging, more invigorating and more enlightening – thus having an “Ideal Christian Masonic Experience at every Knight Templar gathering!”

Lastly, I ask everyone to keep an open heart, an open mind, and open eyes, for all of God’s Blessings, they are abundant... I ask you to always put God First, and to thank him for everything that you have and all the opportunities that surround each and every one of us daily!

I encourage each of you to thank your Lady; thank them for their love, for their time, and for their efforts in supporting you both in Templary and in all your daily endeavors! Sometimes we simply take for granted that our ladies know how much we need and appreciate them – make the effort to show and to tell them!

Yours in Christ.



Templar Feast Reservations

Join us for the first ever Kansas Templar Feast! We will be gathering for a meal and much more 650 feet underground at the Stratoca salt mine in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Date: July 23, 2022

Time: 5:30PM (begin decent) – 9:00 PM (everyone above ground)

Location: Stratoca Underground Salt Museum, 3650 East Avenue G, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Cost: \$45 per person – Pre-Registration Required
(visit kansasyorkrite.org for reservation form)

Included: Travel 650’ underground, tour of the Museum and dark ride, 2 meat buffet, toasting cannon, toasting beverages, Templar Presentation, and cash bar before and after the Feast with Social Time for all to enjoy!

Attire: Formal - Templar Class A (No Sword or Chapeau), Tuxedo or Dark Suit

Who: Knights & Ladies

The date of the first Knights Templar Feast is fast approaching. Reservations will only be open for a little while longer. Please endeavor to make your reservations NOW!