

# Templars of the Plains

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## Greetings from the Grand Commander!

*Sir Knight William P. Leonard, Right Eminent Grand Commander*

*The Right Eminent Grand Commander has written the article for this month's issue. Other issues will be written by the current Grand Commandery Officers..*



The Grand Conclave session of the Grand Commandery of Kansas for 2023 is in the books. If you missed this session, you missed quite a lot. Let me take a moment to bring you up to speed, so to speak.

Summer Greetings! It is my fervent wish that each of you and yours are enjoying June as we race through another Kansas Summer. My appreciation and thank you is extended to all who were able to join us and participate in the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony in Junction City. This is not only a special and moving occasion but it is also the first Grand Commandery group event of the new officers each year.

**The Templar Feast - Strataca - 2023** is rapidly approaching; July 22, 2023, Hutchison, Kansas. This is another great opportunity to gather as Knight Templars. This event will be a festive one filled with Knight templar fellowship. Please join us.

Also, Please promote and invite your fellow Knights at your local Commandery. Additionally, feel free to extend an invitation to those who have completed their Chapter and/or Council degrees at the recent Grand Master's events.

Register and pay on-line at Kansas Grand York Rite.

Please do so soon. Thank you.

## 2023 Knight Templar Feast

This year's feast is going to be excellent. We will be having the tours and rides before the meal for this year's event. This should allow plenty of time for our guests to have time to explore the museum before the meal and the festivities. The speaker for this year's feast will be Sir Knight Donnie Higginbotham, Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma. It is going to be another great evening 650 feet underground.

More information, and registration, is available on the Grand York Rite website at [www.kansasorkrite.org](http://www.kansasorkrite.org).



## Templar Feast 2023

- Date:** July 22, 2023
- Time:** 4:30 PM (Begin descent) - 9:00 PM (Back above ground)
- Location:** Strataca Underground Salt Museum  
3650 East Avenue A, Hutchinson, Kansas
- Cost:** \$50 per person (Pre-registration required)
- Included:** Travel 650' underground, museum tour and dark ride, dinner buffet, toasting cannon and beverage, Templar presentation and fellowship!
- Attire:** Formal (Class A without sword and chapeau)
- Who:** All Knights and their Ladies