

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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Sir Knights,

Inspection season is here! It is time to show off all your hard work over the past several months. I know you will all do well in demonstrating our ritual of Opening and Closing and the Order of the Temple. Even more, I know you will treat the Inspecting Officer with great hospitality and a warm welcome. This is one of the highlights of being a Grand Officer - visiting with the Sir Knights, sharing a meal together, and witnessing the hard work pay off.

While the end of September marked the end of the Statewide Food Drive push, it doesn't mean we should stop working. Keep working to "feed the hungry" all year long. Don't forget to send in your reports for how much your Commandery donated.

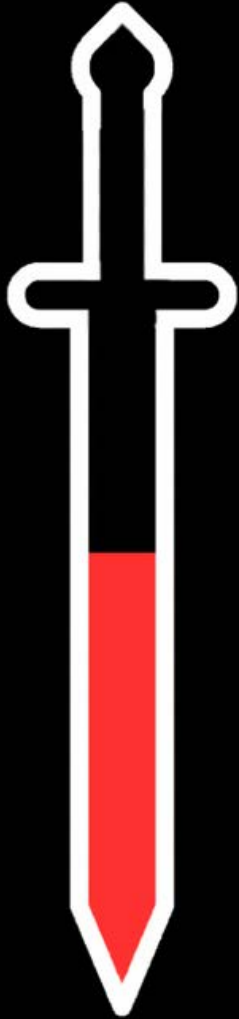
We are now entering into our Statewide Clothes Drive campaign. Look in your closets and see what doesn't fit anymore or items you don't plan to wear again. Others are in need and could really benefit from your generous donation. Just as with the Food Drive, the Clothes Drive will have a report to be submitted for tracking purposes. I hope all Commanderies will participate.

Enjoy the cooler weather ahead, and stand ever ready for Christ!

In His Service,

T. Chance Chapman
Grand Commander

PENNY-A-DAY CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE



**HELP US
#FILLTHESWORD**



**OUR NEW GOAL IS TO PRODUCE AND HONOR
100 CHIEF DONORS!
A CONTRIBUTING DONATION OF \$225**



48 CHIEF DONORS AND COUNTING...

The response of this program has been beyond the imagination from when it was first planned! Because of this, we are now shooting for the stars and hoping to honor 100 chief donors! Our tag for this campaign will be #FillTheSword.

To date, over \$12,000 has been raised. Thanks to all who have participated!

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2024 SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCE RECAP



The South Central Department consists of six states. The current Department Commander is a Past Grand Commander of Texas! A Texan delegation travel to Branson, Missouri to participate in the multi-lateral conference of Knights Templar.

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2024 OUTDOOR ORDER OF THE TEMPLE RECAP

The second annual West Texas Outdoor Order of the Temple was conferred by the Grand Commander on Saturday, September 30. The Order was attended by 25 Sir Knights with 3 candidates. The beauty of our beloved Order of the Temple was amplified against the night sky of Texas and enhanced the teachings and lessons in the Order. The Sir Knights and their families began the weekend together on Friday with fellowship with several outdoor activities on Saturday followed by the Order, and concluded Sunday with a devotional.



SOOB SUPREME ASSEMBLY SESSION



The Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant held their 102nd Supreme Session September 25-29 in Waco. (Mrs. Jon) Melissa Spann, Supreme Worthy President, is from Waco and presided over the session. At the banquet, attended by our Grand Commander and other Grand Officers and Sir Knights, the organization generously contributed over \$23,000 to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Our Grand Commander was in attendance for support. Pictured includes SK Jeffrey A. Bolstad, R.E. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY
THE 13TH
FESTIVE BOARD**

REMEMBERING THE TEMPLAR RAID 716 YEARS AGO
HOSTED BY A.P.O.A.S. & WORTH COMMANDERIES

1100 HENDERSON STREET
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

FEAST OF MIRACLES

THIS INAUGURAL FEAST WILL BE
BASED ON THE MIRACLES OF JESUS.
THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS WILL
FOCUS ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE
ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SIR KNIGHT BEN WILLIAMS
R.E.C. PAST DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDER**

**ATTIRE: COAT AND TIE
SOCIAL HOUR: 6:30 PM
DINNER & PROGRAM: 7:30 PM**

The first meeting of A.P.O.A.S. Commandery will be Friday, October 13 in the Asylum of Worth Commandery at 5:30 pm. Both Commanderies will then hold a festive board titled “Feast of Miracles” with Sir Knight Ben Williams, Right Eminent Past Department Commander as the Keynote Speaker. Social Hour will begin at 6:30 pm, and the dinner will begin at 7:30 pm. More information is available [here](#) and tickets can be purchased through PayPal at APOASCommandery@gmail.com for \$65.

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MONTHLY MENTION

Apostasy /ə'pəstəseɪ/:

“The abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief.”

Deriving from the Middle English word “apostasie” borrowed from the Latin word “apostasia” the word refers to an act of “defection, revolt, or rebellion against God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feast of Miracles Festive Board:
October 13 - Fort Worth

Charity Ball: December 2 - Beaumont

Grand Chapter and Council Sessions: December 7-9 - Waco

171st Grand Conclave:
April 11-14, 2024
South Shore Harbour Resort
League, City, TX

SURVEY

Take the [Grand Commandery Survey](#) to help grow our Order!

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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



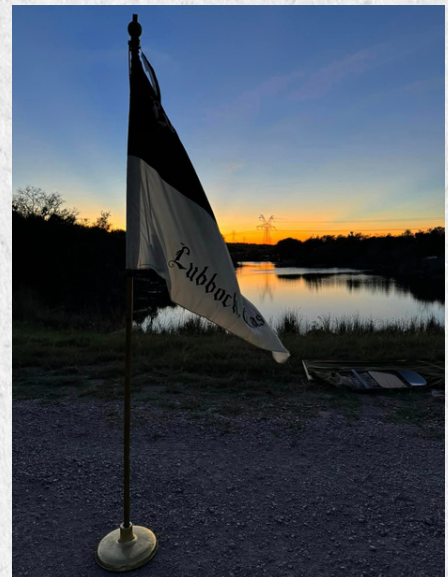
A BLESSING FROM SIR KNIGHT & REV. SEAN LEICK

I was reflecting this week on a passage from the book of Exodus, chapter 17:1-7. In this passage Moses is leading the Israelites through the wilderness having brought them out of Egyptian slavery. The people were growing weary and water was becoming scarce, so they were crying out (or more like screaming) to Moses for having brought them into this wilderness. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? To kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" Moses then turned to God as he felt his own people were close to revolting and killing him.

In response, God ordered Moses to take his staff to a certain place and strike a certain rock. Having done this, water began to flow abundantly from out of the rock, so much that the people, their children, and even their livestock drank their fill. A couple things strike me as I consider this account. First, leadership is hard. As Masons and as Templars many of us are called into positions of leadership, and will at some time face very difficult challenges. Secondly, the way Moses addresses this difficulty is a lesson for us all- he turned to God for a solution. God not only provided relief, but did so abundantly and in a way that was seemingly impossible.

We should take this passage to heart when we face adversity in our leadership roles, or in the leadership roles we may be called to fill in the future. When difficulties arise, we are taught to pray to God for instruction. Just as God commanded water to flow from that dry stone, He may very well offer relief in a manner seemingly impossible without the divine work of His hands.

I pray God will lead, guide, and direct us each on our paths across these rough and rugged roads.



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MONTHLY UPDATES

GRAND COMMANDER'S UPCOMING TRAVELS

October 2: Park Place Official Visit - Pasadena
 October 13: A.P.O.A.S./Feast of Miracles - Fort Worth
 October 26: Confer Order of the Temple - Beaumont
 October 30: Confer Order of the Temple - Port Arthur

Top 5 Knightings Ranking (April 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023)

1. Corpus Christi No. 57 - 13
2. Lone Star No. 114 - 9
3. Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 - 8
4. Fort Bend No. 74 - 6
- T5. McKinney No. 34 - 3
- T5. Denton No. 45 - 3
- T5. Melrose No. 109 - 3

Top 5 Reinstatements Ranking (April 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023)

1. Ascension No. 25 - 7
- T2. East Texas No. 104 - 3
- T2. Lubbock No. 60 - 3
- T4. San Antonio No. 7, McKinney No. 34, Corpus Christi No. 57, Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 - 2
- T5. Ruthven No. 2, Ivanhoe No. 8, Indivisible Friends No. 13, Beaumont No. 38, Denton No. 45, Tancred No. 82, Melrose No. 109 - 1

GRAND COMMANDERY SURVEY

Take the [Grand Commandery Survey](#) to help grow our Order! Click the link above or scan this QR code to access the survey and provide crucial feedback that will help the Grand Officers assist the Sir Knights of Texas to the best of their ability!



GRAND COMMANDERY CHARITY BALL

Tickets are still available [HERE](#) and a block of rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Beaumont - Plaza (I-10 & Walden Road). Link to the hotel block is [HERE](#).

*Knights Templar
Charity Ball*

Remember, tickets are limited to just 100. Over a third are accounted for at this point. Don't delay!



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR
AIDE-DE CAMP



Sir Knights,

September was a month FULL of spreading templary! Several of our Grand Officers traveled to Missouri to support and participate in the South Central Department Conference, and we had the annual outdoor degree which yielded several new Sir Knights in such an unbelievable environment, and is being concluded today. The Grand Commander additionally has two more ticketed and advertised events. A festive board this month, and a charity ball in December. Be sure to support these programs, including the new Penny-A-Day Challenge, and stay tuned for a few more that are near being ready to be revealed!