

# THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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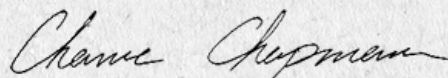
We have been collecting various food items for the last two months, and the time to donate them is here! Please be sure to get the donations sent in and to also submit the paperwork for your Commandery for us to know how much the Templars of Texas helped those less fortunate.

We are now collecting clothing to help our fellow Texans. Over the next three months, check your closets and see what you can part with. If you are able, brand new clothes are also appreciated and accepted. All items should be able to help those in need.

Best of luck to each of you in your upcoming inspections. I am confident all of our Commanderies will do well and demonstrate a successful exemplification of the Opening and Closing and Order of the Temple to their Inspecting Officer.

This month, the Grand Officers and I will be traveling to Branson, MO for the South Central Department Conference. We wish Sir Knight Robert Loflin, REDC and REPGC, much success as he completes his final Department Conference for the current triennium. We are proud of you, Sir Knight Loflin!

In His Service,



T. Chance Chapman  
Grand Commander

# RECAP - REVERSE ADVENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all the Sir Knights and supporters who participated in the Reverse Advent Calendar program! Together, in the name of Templary, we donated HUNDREDS of goods to food banks all around the State of Texas!

Be sure to keep record of your Commandery's participation, and that all goods get donated. While the summer heat appears to be decreasing, food banks are all short due to the surge of homelessness during the brutal summer we encountered. The timing of this program was crucial for the support of our fellow men and women who need our help!



THANK YOU!



Texas Sir Knights travelled to Kansas to confer, in full form, the Order of Red Cross, the Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple. This is the first time in many, many years that the full form Orders of Red Cross and Malta have been conferred in Kansas. Special thanks to SK Butch Blackman, Eminent Commandery of Arlington Commandery and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Kansas, for arranging for this to happen!

Congratulations to the over 50 new Sir Knights of Kansas, which accounts for about 10% of their total membership!

# UPDATE // PENNY-A-DAY CAMPAIGN

With the program now having been operating for a few months, and having to reorder a new set of coins, we have raised a record breaking **\$11,629.70!**



There are also other options through this program at a lesser contribution.

- Individual copper token (\$36.50).
- Individual encapsulated silver-tone token (\$75.00).
- Individual encapsulated gold-tone token (\$150.00).

If you are interested in this successful program, and wish to join some honorable Sir Knights, please contact either the Grand Commander, Aide-de-Camps, or your local committeemen listed below! Click [here](#) to access the online donation page!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



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](mailto:APOASCommandery@gmail.com) for \$65.

## MONTHLY MENTION

Beneficence /buh-nef-uh-suhns /:

“The quality or state of doing or producing good.”

Deriving from the Latin word “beneficentia” from “beneficus” the word refers to active goodness or kindness or an act or gift to others.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### District Schools:

District 1- COMPLETED

District 2- COMPLETED

District 3- COMPLETED

District 4- COMPLETED

District 5- COMPLETED

District 6- COMPLETED

District 7- COMPLETED

District 8- COMPLETED

District 9- COMPLETED

### Outdoor Order of the Temple:

September 30 (Festivities begin Friday, September 29 until Sunday, October 1)

**Charity Ball:** December 2 - Beaumont

### 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

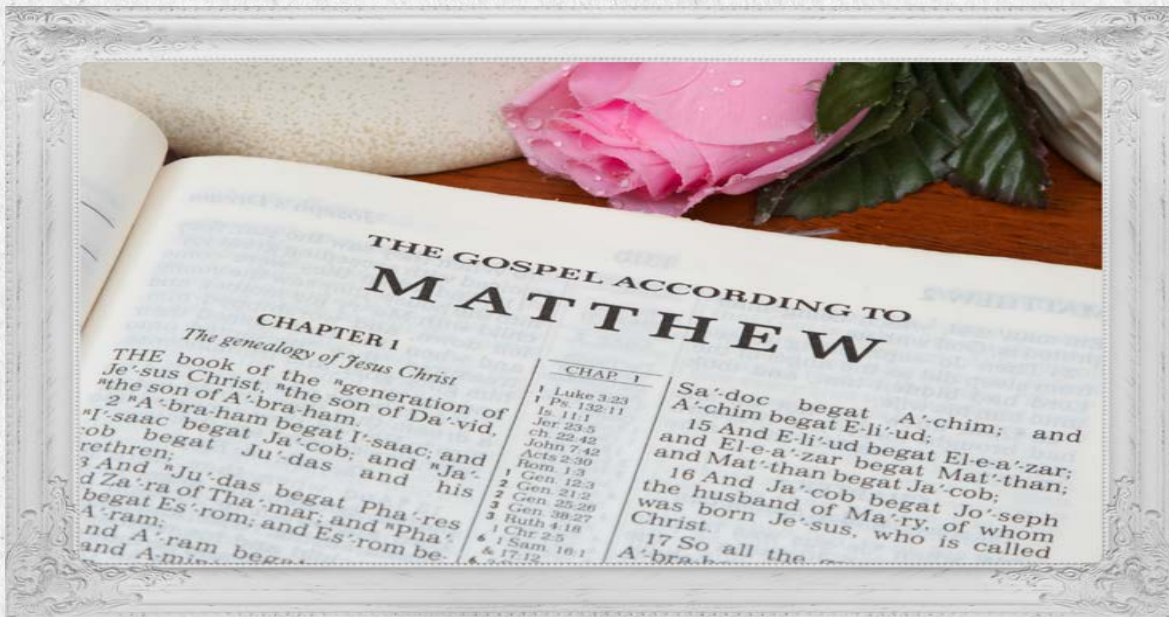


## A MESSAGE FROM THE EMINENT GRAND PRELATE

Sir Knights,

As we move into September, the days are getting shorter and for those of us who live on the coast, we pay more attention to the storms in the gulf. But let us not forget the teachings of our fraternity and remember there are so many people around us every day that need our help and prayers. Our Grand Commander has reminded us with his programs of feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, and binding up the wounds of the afflicted. Please help with these noble causes so we can be an example of Christian Knighthood to the world or at least in our communities. **The Bible verse Matthew 25:44 says, "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "Then he will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me."**

Let us pray: Father, I will treat others the way I want to be treated. In the name of Jesus, I will look not only to my own needs, but also to the needs of others. I will make it a practice to lend a helping hand, to please my neighbors for their good, expecting and hoping for nothing in return, but giving you all the praise and glory. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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# MONTHLY UPDATES

## GRAND COMMANDER'S UPCOMING TRAVELS

September 14-16: South Central Conference - Branson, MO

September 27: Supreme Assembly, SOOB - Waco

September 30: West Texas Outdoor Order of the Temple

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

1. Corpus Christi No. 57 - 13
2. Lone Star No. 114 - 9
- T3. Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 - 5
- T3. Fort Bend No. 74 - 5
- T5. Melrose No. 109 - 3
- T5. Denton No. 45 - 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, Corpus Christi No. 57, Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 - 2
- T5. Ruthven No. 2, Ivanhoe No. 8, Indivisible Friends No. 13, McKinney No. 34, 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,

The month of August, I believe was the most successful month of this Grand Commandery thus far! We hit over \$10,000 in donations for the Penny-a-Day campaign, thousands of dollars were presented in scholarships by SK Duke Burge, the KTEF authorized Texas DeMolay to collaborate with the foundation for a state charity project, some top item donations are being collected for the auctions at the Charity Ball in December, thousands of canned goods were collected in the name of the Grand Commandery, and so much more. It is a great time to be a Knight Templar!