

# THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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Sir Knights,

I write this message with great pride and in a bittersweet moment. This is my last message to write to you as Grand Commander of Texas in this publication. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve you, the Sir Knights of Texas, in this position. Your trust in me these past ten years has been humbling, and it is my sincere hope that we have made forward progress during this term.

We are just days away from the 171st Grand Conclave to be held in League City at the beautiful South Shore Harbour Resort. Room reservations in the group block are now closed, but ticket sales are still going until April 7. You may register for the business session onsite as well. We have several things planned to help make sure you enjoy our annual Grand Conclave and look forward to celebrating the 2023-2024 year with each of you and the conclusion of this term.

I want to personally wish good luck to the Sir Knights who are to serve as our Grand Officers for the 2024-2025 year. I pray you find success in all that you do, safety in your travels, and joy in your service. I am confident that the Sir Knights of Texas are in good hands and our Grand Commandery will continue to succeed.

In His Service,

T. Chance Chapman  
Grand Commander



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# 171ST GRAND CONCLAVE - 11 DAYS AWAY!

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Make plans to join us for the 171st Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas in beautiful League City at *South Shore Harbour Resort* on April 11-14!

Registration link is available [here](#).

Condensed Schedule:

**Thursday:** Joint Meeting of Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies Committees, Ritual Competition Exemplification, Drill Competition Meeting, SPC Honorary DeMolay Chapter Meeting

**Friday:** Business Meeting and Elections, Knights Preceptor Meeting, A.P.O.A.S. Commandery Social

**Saturday:** Drill Competitions, Ritual Competitions, KYCH Meeting, Grand Banquet

**Sunday:** Memorial and Divine Service, Installation of Officers

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**NEW PRODUCT!**

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INTRODUCING

# MEMBERSHIP PINS

These pins were unveiled at the historic Good Friday Observance! They come in a gold finish and a silver finish, which appropriately represents all Sir Knights from Past Commanders and Non-Commanders. This design collectively advertised the Texas star of our Christian Order, while sporting our Masonic roots, and is a beautiful pin to wear!



A gift for a \$5.00 donation  
Available in-person at Grand Conclave  
April 11 - 14

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# REGULATED UNIFORM TIPS


Have you ever wondered what is the best way to decorate your uniform? Have you ever wondered if you are in regulation? Now is the time to make sure your uniform is in perfect shape for Grand Commandery! Here is a visual guide to help you get in regulation for Texas! If you have a specific question that is not explained here, [email the editor!](#)

Texas Knights Templar Uniform Regulations




Gold lapel pins for Commanders & Past Commanders

*Only passion crosses on lapels (Templar crosses for Grand Commandery officers). Other lapel pins should never be worn on uniform.*



Silver lapel pins for Non-Past Commanders

← Grand Encampment Only | Local and Grand Commandery →



Jewel types (from list below)  
(a) (c) (c) (e)

*Only Grand Encampment jewels and awards on right breast of uniform. In this case, the KTEF jewel and a GEKT committee jewel. The membership jewel does not count as a Grand Encampment award.*

*No more than four jewels on pocket of left breast, lined with edge in straight line. Above the pocket is the name badge, then KYCH and military service award, with Permanent Endowment Badge above all.*

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*Malta jewel and current office jewel is always required. Order of precedence of pocket jewels from center to left side is:*

- a) Current office (required)
- b) Past office (optional)
- c) Meritorious awards (optional)
- d) Ritual/drill bars (optional)
- e) Malta (required)
- f) Red Cross (optional)

*There should never be a second row of jewels under the first. Maximum of four can be worn on a side, so choose wisely!*



# PENNY-A-DAY CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE

We've Reached The Hilt!



HELP US  
#FILLTHESWORD



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



## 72 CHIEF DONORS AND COUNTING...

We are growing our challenge more and more, yet we have a steep goal ahead! Our mission is to honor and name 100 Chief Donors by the Grand Conclave.

Our tag for this campaign will be *#FillTheSword*.

To date, *nearly \$18,000* has been raised. Thank you to all who have participated!

May be obtained on-site at Grand Conclave April 11-14

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# EASTER WEEKEND OBSERVANCES

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**Grand Commandery of Texas Good Friday Observance  
(Waco, Texas)**



**Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Easter Observance  
(Washington, D.C.)**

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# PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



## Petition for Honorary Membership

Registration fee of \$120 to be remitted with a copy of the petition, payable to Texas DeMolay.  
Annual Dues: \$20 per calendar year      Lifetime Membership: \$200



Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

By providing my e-mail address, I consent to receive e-mail communications from Texas DeMolay, understanding that they will not share my contact information?     Yes     No

Masonic Lodge Name & No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Lodge ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of any Masonic appendant bodies?     Yes     No

Shriners Intl.    Scottish Rite    York Rite    Grotto    OES   Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a present/former member of DeMolay International?     Yes     No

Supreme Council Member    Advisor    Former Advisor    Sr. DeMolay

DeMolay ID No. (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ DeMolay Jurisdiction (if not TX): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received DeMolay Honors?     Legion of Honor     Cross of Honor

Are you interested in serving as a DeMolay Advisor (if not already)?     Yes     No

Any additional pertinent information: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Applications and payment, with a copy of a current dues card, should be mailed to:  
Christian Moore  
5632B Cardinal Feather Ln.  
Temple, TX 76502

Received: _____	By: _____	<i>For internal use only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent & Membership Card
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		Degree Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Ritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member			<input type="checkbox"/> Shipped _____
Payment Amount: \$ _____	Method: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Presented _____

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# PRELATE'S APARTMENT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EMINENT GRAND PRELATE

### Finish The Race

**Acts 20:24 – However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.**

Sir Knights, we started a journey of reflection and prayer in February with the start of lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We have just celebrated Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. But this Holy season is not finished yet.

One of the most significant periods of this Holy season, and least celebrated, is the 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead. He walked and talked in places where His ministry had been; He was seen in His restored body by thousands; He healed many; He continued to preach, He continued to love. And then He ascended to Heaven. As Christian Knights, we observe Jesus’ ascension to Heaven, but seldom consider the many things he said and did during the 40 days after his resurrection. He taught and ministered to His disciples in what must have been a powerful experience, preparing them for their tasks to complete after His ascension into Heaven. 40 days Jesus showed the world that He lived again. In and around Jerusalem, being seen by multitudes, was scarcely disputed. **John 21:25 says; Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.**

Sir Knights, each of us still have a race to finish and tasks to complete. I ask you to pray always and to love one another, remembering Jesus paid the price for your eternal salvation.

Let us pray together: Father, You put all things under the feet of Jesus and gave Him to be head over all things. We were dead in trespasses and sins, but You made us alive. Christ is our peace, and we are no longer strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Jesus is our cornerstone. He keeps us in step with each other. May we be filled with the knowledge of Your will, wisdom, and spiritual understanding. Father, we commit to pray for one another, keeping our eyes open and keeping each other’s spirits up. We pray for our leaders that they will know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time. We are one in the bond of love, in the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

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# MONTHLY UPDATES

## FINAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS 2023-2024

Top 5 Knightings Ranking  
(April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)

- 1. Port Arthur No. 73 - 16
- 2. Corpus Christi No. 57 - 15
- 3. Lone Star No. 114 - 12
- 4. Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 - 11
- T5. San Marcos No. 56, Houston No. 95 - 10

Top 5 Reinstatements Ranking  
(April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)

- 1. Tancred No. 82 - 11
- 2. Ascension No. 25 - 8
- 3. Ruthven No. 2 - 6
- T4. San Antonio No. 7, Corpus Christi No. 57 - 5
- T5. Ivanhoe No. 8, Lubbock No. 60, East Texas No. 104 - 4

## MONTHLY MENTION

Immaculate /ih-mak-yuh-lit /:

"Free from moral blemish or impurity; pure; undefiled"

Deriving from an Latin word *macula* which means "marked with spots," it is the counterpart of maculate. Maculate is spotted or impure, and immaculate is spotlessly clean, having no flaw or error, and retaining no stain or blemish.

## 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!



## BELT BUCKLE UPDATE

By your demand, we have REORDERED official Grand Commandery belt buckles! These are unnumbered and will be gifted for your donation of \$30.00 just as the previous series! They will be available at the 171st Grand Conclave.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR  
AIDE-DE-CAMP



Sir Knights,

This edition of *The Texas Templar* will conclude the first volume of this new publication. I hope you were able to find it very useful. We are days away from concluding this Grand Commandery term, which I have been so blessed and proud to be a part of. No words can describe my gratitude to the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery Officers of the past, present, and future for their counsel and support! I will be the first to tell you not being a Past Commander made this a challenging task. It is a privilege to be able to represent the general membership. With this, I have humbly accepted Very Eminent Bauer's offer of staying on board with his administration in this role. I look forward to working with his team to promote and publish this platform into a second volume! I hope to see you next week in League City!