

# Templars of the Plains

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## From the Grand Commander

Sir Knight Gary A. Mason, Right Eminent Grand Commander

*The Right Eminent Grand Commander has asked the current Grand Commandery Officers to write articles for this supplement, however this month he has written the first for the new year.*



By the time you read this article, we would have had our 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, which was held on May 4, 2024 at Manhattan, Ks where I was elected and installed as the Right Eminent Grand Commander. When I first joined the York Rite in 2005, I never would have thought of one day being the Grand Commander.

I would like to thank Right Eminent Sir Knight Roger Walls for appointing me to start as the Grand Standard Bearer but after several deaths and unforeseen circumstances I moved up the line fairly quickly.

Our first big event for the Grand Commandery and the new Officers was the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Junction City Vietnam Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony hosted by Junction City Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas. Even though the guest speaker did not make it, our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Derick Hockett of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was in attendance and made the guest speaker comments. The event was well attended by the York Rite members, Grand Lodge representatives, Shrine and Caledonia Bagpipers who played the Amazing Grace and more especially a big thanks to the ladies and the Social Order of the Beauceant for making this a successful event.

Coming up next will be the start of attending the Youth organizations Grand Sessions starting with the Jobs Daughters then the International Order of Rainbows for Girls Grand Assembly, and finishing up with the DeMolay State Conclave.

This year we have decided to move the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Knight Templar Feast to other parts of the state. Rumors are the event will be in held in McPherson, Kansas, where there will be a speaker and a melodrama play. Information will be coming out pretty soon.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Right Eminent Sir Knight William Leonard in completing a successful year as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kansas.



**2024-2025 Grand Commandery of Kansas Officers**

Right Eminent Grand Commander:  
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander:  
Eminent Grand Generalissimo:  
Eminent Grand Captain General:  
Eminent Grand Senior Warden:  
Eminent Grand Junior Warden:  
Eminent Grand Prelate:  
Right Eminent Grand Treasurer:  
Right Eminent Grand Recorder:  
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer:  
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer:  
Eminent Grand Warder:  
Eminent Grand Sentinel:  
Eminent Grand Musician:  
Eminent Grand Guard:  
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