

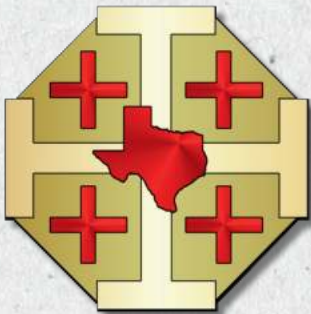
THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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Sir Knights,

August was a whirlwind. Your Grand Officers met for our mid-year meeting to discuss the business of the Grand Commandery, and many of us travelled to Salt Lake City for the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave.

To say I am proud of our membership is an understatement. The drill teams who traveled to Salt Lake City roared through their competition with Melrose Commandery No. 109 winning Class A, Park Place Commandery No. 106 winning Class B, and Dallas Commandery winning Class C drill competitions. Thank you for your dedication to Templary!

As we enter September, I want to wish each of you a happy and successful annual inspection. Your Grand Officers are fanning out across this great state to meet with you, help you, and conduct your annual inspection. We are here to serve you!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin C. Bauer".

Justin C. Bauer
Grand Commander

69TH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE



SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



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TEXAS HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOUNDATION



The Grand Commandery is offering, for a donation to the Texas Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation, a Holy Land Pilgrimage Badge. The badge may be worn by the contributing Sir Knight purchasing the same as a part of his Templar Uniform. **The first 100 Sir Knights to purchase a full badge shall receive a sequentially numbered badge, which shall designate them as one of the Charter Donors.**

The mission of the THLPF is to generate donations to send Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical/cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise. Donations can be made through PayPal online, or cash/check payments. Please contact Board Member SK Christian Moore for inquiries or to set up payment plans!



JOHN TEMPLE RICE'S JEWEL SHOWCASING THE ANTIQUITIES OF TEXAS TEMPLARY

John Temple Rice was raised a Master Mason in El Paso Lodge No. 130 on April 14, 1911. He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas in 1937. Among his many accolades, Templary was one of his, if not the most, recognized forms of service.

He served as Eminent Commander of El Paso Commandery No. 18 and later served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Texas in 1931. He also became the Right Eminent Grand Recorder as well as the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment USA.



The jewel seen here was his Past Grand Master jewel which was worn on a purple cordon. This jewel is proudly in the curation of the Masonic Grand Lodge Library and Museum of Texas in Waco, Texas. Made from fine gold with three significant diamonds, the design consists of a crossed scepter and sword with a brilliantly enameled purple Salem Cross in front.

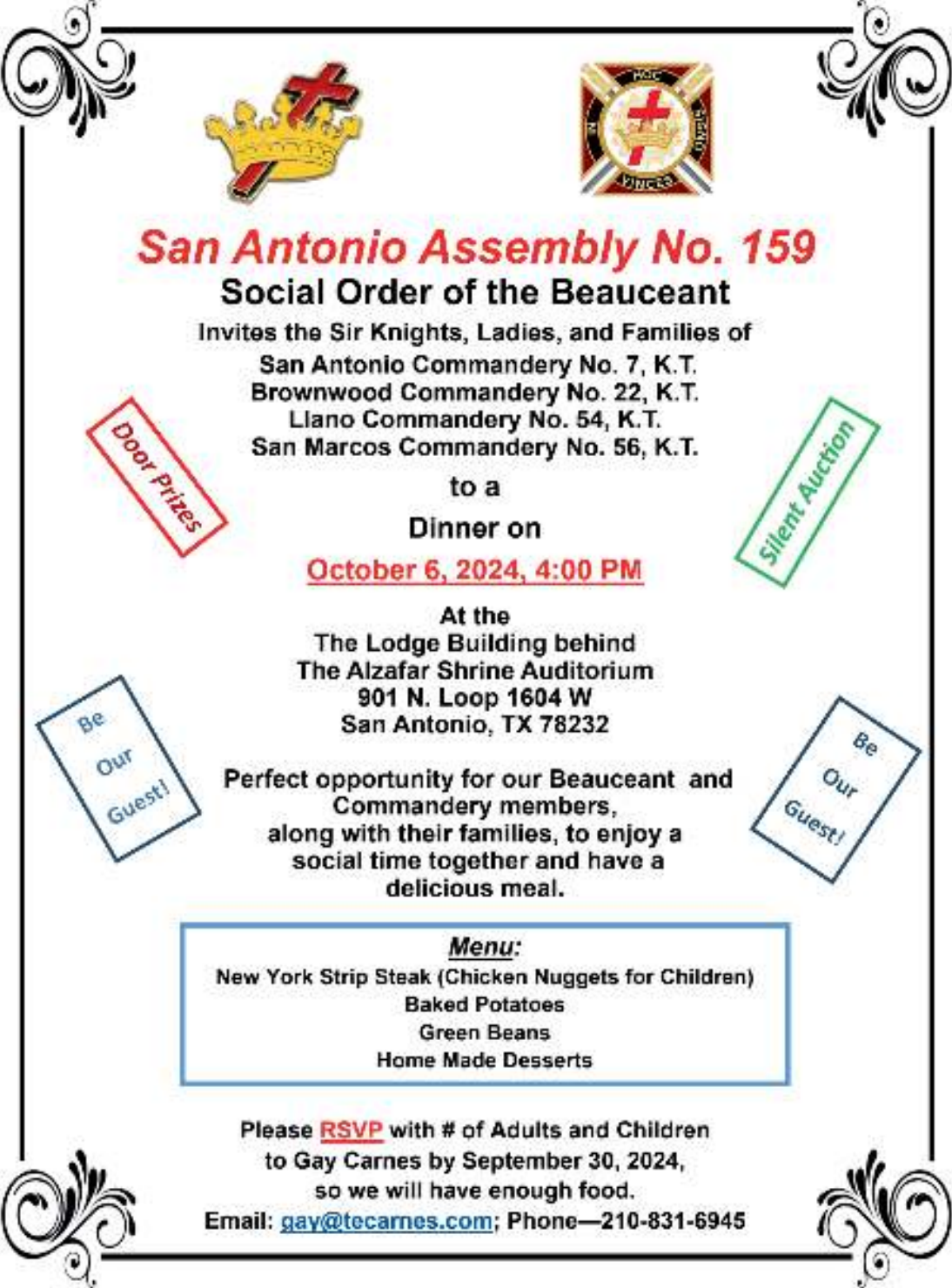


This jewel holds a hearty significance to the Grand Encampment and Texas cherishes it deeply. This jewel was the casting model for other Past Grand Masters who desired to wear the same style! Yet another example as to why "everything is bigger in Texas!"

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SPECIAL INVITATION!

San Antonio Assembly No. 159
Social Order of the Beauceant
 Invites the Sir Knights, Ladies, and Families of
 San Antonio Commandery No. 7, K.T.
 Brownwood Commandery No. 22, K.T.
 Llano Commandery No. 54, K.T.
 San Marcos Commandery No. 56, K.T.

to a
Dinner on
October 6, 2024, 4:00 PM

At the
 The Lodge Building behind
 The Alzafar Shrine Auditorium
 901 N. Loop 1604 W
 San Antonio, TX 78232

Perfect opportunity for our Beauceant and
 Commandery members,
 along with their families, to enjoy a
 social time together and have a
 delicious meal.

Menu:
 New York Strip Steak (Chicken Nuggets for Children)
 Baked Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Home Made Desserts

Please **RSVP** with # of Adults and Children
 to Gay Carnes by September 30, 2024,
 so we will have enough food.
 Email: gay@tecarnes.com; Phone—210-831-6945

Door Prizes

Silent Auction

Be Our Guest!

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GRAND COMMANDER'S UPCOMING TRAVELS

SEPTEMBER

20-22 - South Central Department Conference



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OCTOBER

12 - Masonic Family Day
17-19 - Annual State School of Instruction



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172ND ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE SAVE THE DATE



172nd Annual Grand Conclave
4/10/2025 - 4/13/2025
Embassy Suites - Grapevine

The suites are three miles from DFW International Airport, next door to Bass Pro Shops, and under a mile from Grapevine Mills Mall including the Dallas LEGOLAND! Historic downtown Grapevine is a ten-minute drive. Enjoy access to their free airport shuttle, evening reception, indoor pool, and fitness center featuring a Peloton® Bike with toe cages. Daily made-to-order breakfast is available too!

Amenities include: Connecting Rooms, Free made-to-order breakfast, Complimentary evening reception, Non-smoking rooms, Digital Key, Airport shuttle, Streaming TV, On-site restaurant, Indoor pool, Fitness center, Pet-friendly rooms, Room service, Meeting rooms, and more!



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II



Sir Knights,

Congratulations to all members of the Texas Delegation who traveled to Salt Lake City. Several Past Grand Commanders, Grand Officers, GE Officers, GE Aide-de-Camps, and other Sir Knights attended and represented the constituents of Texas well. You can see all the fun that was had on Page 2. I want to send a special thank you to R.:E.: Ben Williams for his recent compliment and citation request for this newsletter. It is always a joy to collaborate with other editors and publishers! *"Journalism is merely history's first draft"* - Geoffrey C. Ward.