

# Templars of the Plains

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## From the Grand Commander

Sir Knight Patrick C. Carr, Eminent Grand Generalissimo

*The Right Eminent Grand Commander has asked the current Grand Commandery Officers to write articles for this supplement. This month we hear from our Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Patrick C. Carr.*



It is almost time for one of our holiest days in the Templar and Christian calendar. I am referring to the morning we celebrate our Risen Savior, Christ the Lord.

We live in a nation where we are fortunate to be able to worship and pray in the manner in which we desire. We are free from persecution for our faith. I wish it were so elsewhere around our beautiful and wonderful world. There are nations where the supposition of someone being a Christian can result in persecution, prison time, and in some extreme cases, even death for their beliefs in Jesus as Lord.

With that understanding firmly in our minds, let us return to the place where it all began on that fateful day: the Cross. For it is only in the redemption of our Savior on the cross can we be allowed to enter the kingdom of heaven without worrying about if we are good enough or if we have kept the laws of Moses intact and without breaking those same laws. We know living by works alone, and keeping the commandments and the laws, is not enough for us to witness the face of God and our Savior at the end of our lives.

On April 20, 2025, at sunrise (which is approximately 6:47a.m.) we will gather at Coronado Heights near Lindsborg, Kansas, for our 2nd Annual Sunrise Easter Service. I have been asked by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gary A. Mason, to bring the message again this year. We will have our service, which will include a few hymns with the assistance of the Sisters from the Social Order of the Beauceant (SOOB), bagpipe music performed by our Grand Musician, Sir Knight Kelly J. Long, prayers, and the sermon. Afterwards we will adjourn to McPherson Lodge No 172 where a wonderful breakfast will again be served. The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person. Please make sure to either pay in advance or at the door so this event will not cost the Grand Commandery any money and will continue to cover its own expenses.

I hope to see many of you there next month. It will be a wonderful event with the Sir Knights. Please wear your Class A uniform without sword (unarmed) or chapeau (uncovered). We will have a sound system available and there will be chairs set up for the service.

Your in the Faith,

*Patrick C. Carr, PEC*

Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery of Kansas



## *Knighting Scheduled for March*

The Grand Commandery of Kansas has scheduled a day to take care of our Sir Knights in waiting to become members of our Commanderies. On Saturday, March 8, 2025, the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, and the Magnanimous Order of the Temple will be conferred at the lodge hall in Russell, Kansas.

Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and the Grand Commandery of Kansas will return from refreshment to labor at approximately 9:30 a.m. for the conferrals of the Orders of Christian Knighthood. The cast has been selected and they are ready to make this an impressive day of conferrals for our candidates. Our Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Councils of Cryptic Masons have been working extremely hard to confer their various degrees to make sure their candidates are ready for the conferrals at Russell.

This conferral will bring candidates from across the state of Kansas who are ready to complete their York Rite experience and become members of their local Knights Templar Commandery.

There is always room for one more! Please reach out and let either Sir Knights Justin Crippen, Tom Krauss, Allan Jackson, or Patrick Carr know if you are coming and how many candidates you will be bringing. We want to be sure we have enough food to feed the many Sir Knights who will be attending from across the state.

We look forward to seeing you in Russell in March.

## *Association of Past Commanders in May*

The Kansas Association of Past Commanders will induct new members on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the Grand York Rite sessions to be held in Manhattan, Kansas at the Bluemont Hotel. The conferral will take place at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The Kansas Association of Past Commanders is open to all Sir Knights who are either sitting Eminent Commanders or Past Eminent Commanders of a Commandery of Knight Templars. The requisite paperwork must be completed prior to the conferral so the Recorder can be sure to have the correct number of Kansas Past Commanders Association jewels on hand to present to the new members. The price for membership is \$50 and includes the Kansas Association of Past Commanders jewel and a life membership. Each year the Association meets at the Grand York Rite session to elect new members and confer the honor upon them.

Contact Sir Knight Wayne Rollf, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, for a petition for the Association and for the Convention of Anointed High Priests of Kansas and the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Kansas. These groups will be conferring the Order of the High Priesthood and the Order of the Silver Trowel at the sessions previous to the Kansas Association of Past Commanders. The Order of the High Priesthood is \$50 and includes a jewel and Bible, and will start on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The Order of the Silver Trowel is \$50 and includes a jewel, and will be conferred after lunch at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Please endeavor to make your reservations with Wayne Rollf as soon as possible. Or contact your Secretary/Recorder for more information concerning these honorary service organizations.