

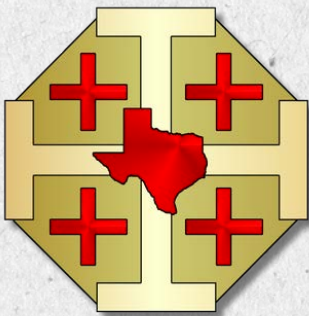
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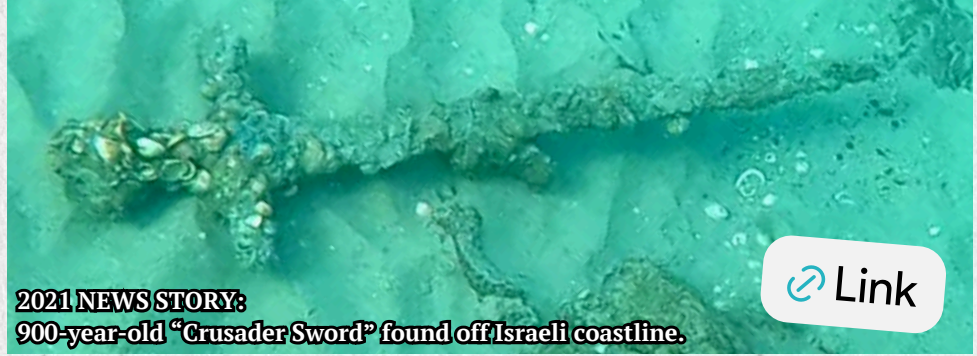


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2021 NEWS STORY:
900-year-old "Crusader Sword" found off Israeli coastline.

Sir Knights,

We are quickly approaching the most important time of the year as Christian Knights.

Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and lasts for 40 days. Lent lasts 40 days because Christ suffered in the desert for 40 days, enduring the temptation of Satan, according to the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, before beginning his public ministry.

We have about 54,000 masons in Texas. We have just over 5,000 members in the commandery. How many of those 49,000 Masons who are not members of the commandry are Christians? Most of them. How can we help those 49,000 Masons find a commandry home?

It is time we all began our public ministry for chivalric masonry. Our order talks about the importance of 40 miles. It is time we practiced what is taught.

While my term is drawing to a close, my love for our organization has never wavered. I look forward to handing over the mantle of leadership at the upcoming 172nd Grand Conclave, but I also look forward to continuing the work. The work of welcoming new members into our commanderies and the work of serving my fellow fraters.

Forever in your service and In His Name,

Justin C. Bauer
Grand Commander

172ND ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE

APRIL 10, 2025 APRIL 13, 2025



HOTEL BOOKING
LINK >>

REGISTRATION
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EVENT >>

<i>MEAL OPTIONS</i>	
<u>Friday Boxed Lunch</u>	\$35
<u>Ladies' Luncheon</u>	\$35
<u>S.O.O.B. Luncheon</u>	\$35
<u>Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar</u>	\$45
<u>Dinner</u>	\$75

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday - April 10		
Event	Time	Location
Registration	12:00pm-6:00pm	Registration Desk
Sam P. Cochran DeMolay Chapter	5:00pm-6:30pm	Heritage 6
Ritual Committee Meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm	Heritage 6
Committee Meetings (as scheduled by the committee)	5:00pm-8:00pm	Denton Creek
APOAS Meeting	8:00 PM	Heritage 6
Friday - April 11		
Event	Time	Location
Registration	8:00am-12:00pm	Registration Desk
Grand Conclave Convenes Dress: Class A or Cap and Mantle	8:00 AM	Cross Timbers Ballroom
Ladies Luncheon (RSVP Required)	12:00 PM	Dooley
Officers Lunch (by invitation)	12:00 PM	Tate
Lunch (Boxed Lunches, Ticket Required)	12:00 PM	Registration Desk
Grand Conclave Reconvenes	1:00 PM	Cross Timbers Ballroom
Knights Preceptor Meeting	5:00pm-6:30pm	Heritage 7&8
Past Grand Wives' Dinner (by invitation/RSVP only)	6:00pm-8:00pm	Tate
Past Grand Commanders' Dinner (by invitation/RSVP only)	7:00pm-8:00pm	Dooley
Drill Team Practice	9:00pm-12:00am	Heritage Ballroom

Saturday - April 12		
Event	Time	Location
Drill Competition	7:00 PM	Heritage Ballroom
Registration	9:00am-12:00pm	Registration Desk
Pass In Review (All Commanderies w/ Beauceant)	10:00 AM	Heritage Ballroom
Social Order of the Beauceant Luncheon (Tickets Required)	12:00 PM	Cross Timbers 1&2
Ritual Competition	1:00 PM	Heritage 6
Texas KYCH	4:00pm-5:30pm	Heritage 7&8
Awards Banquet Social Hour Dinner	6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm-9:30pm	Ballroom Foyer Cross Timbers Ballroom
(Dress: Class A w/o Sword or Chapeau, Cocktail)		
Sunday - April 13		
Event	Time	Location
KTCH Breakfast (by invitation only)	6:45am-8:00am	Tate
Strawberry Breakfast (by invitation only)	6:45am-8:00am	Dooley
Memorial and Divine Service (Dress: Class A w/ Chapeau, no sword, Church)	9:00am-10:30am	Cross Timbers Ballroom
Installation of Officers	10:30 AM	Cross Timbers Ballroom

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ADDITIONAL GRAND CONCLAVE INFO



Ritual Competition

You still have time to gather your ritual team or compete individually!

Team Competition

Team competition is in the Order of Malta.

*(Marshal, 1st Banner Guard,
2nd Banner Guard, 3rd Banner Guard,
and 4th Banner Guard)*

Individual Competition

*Commander: A part of the libations
from the Order of the Temple*

*Prelate: The Obligation from
the Order of the Temple*

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Requesting Silent Auction Items

We will have a silent auction at the banquet on Saturday. Proceeds will benefit our masonic youth organizations. If you or or commandery are interested in providing a basket, an experience, or other items, please contact SK Stanley Payne (214-762-7907)

Bring your Beauceant

Commanderies! Bring your beauceant and stand! We would love to your commandery's beauceant at our business session on Friday, carried by your commandery during the Pass In Review, and prominently displayed during our Awards Banquet.

SOOB LUNCHEON @ GRAND CONCLAVE



Run for the Roses



*Put on your best dress, grab your hat, and
join us for a*
Kentucky Derby SOOB luncheon!

(red, black and white is not required)

You do not have to be a Beauceant member to attend. **All ladies are welcome!**

Post Time: Saturday, April 12 at 12noon

Track Location: Embassy Suites
2401 Bass Pro Dr.
Grapevine TX 76051
Cross Timbers 1&2

Feed: Italian

Bets: \$35 per ticket

Registration: Tickets are available to purchase NOW on Eventbrite only!
Registration ends April 3rd

Commandery website will direct you to the Eventbrite link:

<https://yorkritetexas.org/commandery/>

Direct Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/172nd-grand-conclave-registration-1126258572709?aff=oddtcreator>

Come prepared to **Win, Place, Show...** as there will be a
hat contest with prizes!

Tickets: Will be available for pickup at Grand Commandery registration desk.

QUESTIONS?
Lynne Huckabay
Dallas 63
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PRELATE'S CORNER



A MESSAGE FROM THE EMINENT GRAND PRELATE SK BRAD BILLINGS, KCT

Sir Knights,

In my final two writings for this publication, I will explore what it truly means to be a Knight Templar. More specifically, what is offered in this special group that is seldom found elsewhere in Masonry. As I see it, Templary is built upon two central pillars: Christianity and Patriotism. Today we will explore patriotism through the lens of the Knights Templar.

If you recall, at the conclusion of the Order of the Temple, your attention is very deliberately drawn to the flag of our beloved country. It is always stationed in the East of the asylum, where it is “accorded the position of highest honor.” This is no accident. It serves as a constant reminder of the duty we owe to our country.

Patriotism within the context of our Fraternity extends beyond the bonds of Brotherhood. It connects us with every lover of this great Nation. In the Blue Lodge, we are taught to be a “...quiet and peaceable subject, true to your government, and just to your country.” Templary builds upon this lesson and demands from us “unswerving loyalty and whole-hearted devotion” to the principles upon which our Great Nation was founded.

Patriotism and fraternalism are two essential pillars that uphold the spirit of a nation. Patriotism embodies love, devotion, and loyalty toward one's country, while fraternalism embodies the spirit of brotherhood, unity, and mutual support amongst those bonded together through a shared experience. Patriotism strengthens our love for the nation, while fraternalism ensures that this love extends beyond ourselves to our fellow citizens. Together, they reinforce national integrity and social cohesion and create a strong community bond that transcends personal differences.

I would be willing to bet that not a single member of our Fraternity believes the world is perfect. Especially given the current events of the world. Yet, by the same token, I would also wager that most—if not all—of us agree that we live in the Greatest Nation on Earth, where Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity have become our heritage, and freedom under constitutional government has become our right. “The flags of mighty empires have come and gone, but the Stars and Stripes remain.”

However, true patriotism is more than waving a flag or singing the national anthem; it is a sincere commitment to the welfare and progress of our nation. As Knights Templar, we bear a sacred duty to ensure that “government of the people, by the people, [and] for the people shall not perish from the Earth.”

There are many ways to serve our country, but one of the simplest, most effective, and most powerful is through prayer. Proverbs 14:34 reminds us that “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” Therefore, let us conclude this study of our love of Country with a prayer for our Nation:

Heavenly Father, we come before You today, acknowledging You as the foundation upon which this great Nation was built. We ask for Your continued guidance, wisdom, and protection. Lord, bless our leaders. May they seek Your will in every decision. Help us elect officials who govern with righteousness and humbly serve our nation. Father, we pray for unity among our citizens. Where there is discord, bring peace. Help us see one another again as brothers and sisters, created in Your image. Let love and compassion replace anger and strife, and may our Nation continue to stand as a beacon of hope, faith, and freedom.

Amen.

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THLPF UPDATE

In 2024, the [Texas Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation \(THLPF\)](#) was founded with the mission of sending clergy to the Holy Land. The first year of the foundation has been a tremendous success so far, and with your help we can close it out strong! We have several ways to show your support. Please contact a board member if you are interested.

Bronze THLPF tie	\$50
Silver THLPF tie	\$100
Gold THLPF tie	\$150
Bronze THLPF badge	\$250
Silver THLPF badge	\$500
Gold THLPF badge	\$1,000

All of which can be worn with or on a Class A Uniform.

- REMINDER - COMMITTEE REPORTS



Committee Chairman,

Please be advised that if you want your annual committee report included in the pre-printed reports for the Annual Grand Conclave, they will need to be submitted to the Grand Recorder by **March 15**. Should you have any questions, please contact [RE Ronnie Wilson, Grand Recorder](#).



REFURBISHING REGALIA SHOWCASING THE ANTIQUITIES OF TEMPLARY

The jewel seen on the left is just the bottom portion of what was a three-piece jewel for attendees of the 31st Triennial in Chicago, Illinois in 1910; 115 Years ago. It might be viewed as “broken” or detached. However, it appears to have had a jump ring for a ribbon drape added and misshaped - indicating it was done by hand and was well used/worn.

Seen on the right is what the original jewel looked like. There is no large jump ring. One can assume a Sir Knight took a 1910 jewel and refurbished it into a ribbon drape medal. By choosing the “generic” portion of the original jewel, without a location or year inscribed, allows us to assume it was once attached to a ribbon and worn on a uniform or as a formal piece of regalia.



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Sword Chain Keeper
\$25.00 ea



Lapel / Tie Pin
\$5.00 ea



Cufflinks
\$15.00 a set



Tie Bar
\$5.00 ea



Belt Buckle
\$30.00 ea

A.P.O.A.S. MEETING (NEDERLAND)



Yesterday, A.P.O.A.S. Commandery No. 1314 met in Nederland, Texas to host the Feast of the Order of Saint Paul. It kick-started a weekend of fellowship followed by the Grand Master's Conference of M.:W.: Raborn Reader, and the 3rd Annual Outdoor Order of the Temple conferral.



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II



Sir Knights,

We are nearing a beautiful time of year. Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter are all approaching. For my fellow educators, we also are counting down the weeks as we are not drastically afar from ending this school year!

Should you need something relating to media or publications pertaining to this Grand Commandery, it will be my most ardent desire to assist you!

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