

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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Arlington Commandery No. 107 Present Flags at a Lodge Installation

Sir Knights,

In the next few days, we will all be looking forward to celebrating July 4th. As we do, let us not forget all those, more especially, our brothers who sacrificed their lives to give us all the freedoms we so readily enjoy. It is a time for remembrance and celebration. An opportunity to have fun, but to also remember that we should be exemplifying Christ at each and every turn. So be safe during this weekend.

July is also a great time to be focusing on preparing for the upcoming inspection season and the great amount of fun that can be had during it. I always looked forward to inspection season. I know right, some of you are thinking that I am crazy and nuts at this point. I probably am, but there is an amazing reason I feel this way. I am not arguing that we all put a lot of pressure on ourselves during inspection time, but we also get to be around each other more and socialize with one another more than we otherwise would. It is a time where maybe we get to visit with our fellow Sir Knights from other commanderies that we do not always see, but during this time as they come to support our commandery as we do for theirs. It is a great time to help each other to confer the Orders on our candidates and to show our new Sir Knights just how much fun this can be.

It is also a great time to host some gatherings whether at the Commandery itself or going off campus and just relaxing with your fellow Sir Knights. Plan some family nights or game nights where you all can come together and just have a great relaxing time. I just got back from the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly and I was inspired by their energy and comradery. Let us embrace that youthful spirit and have some fun besides just working. Just a quick reminder, that we should not forget the DeMolay will be holding their State Conclave in July and will be located in Fort Worth. We should each find a way to support and help them.

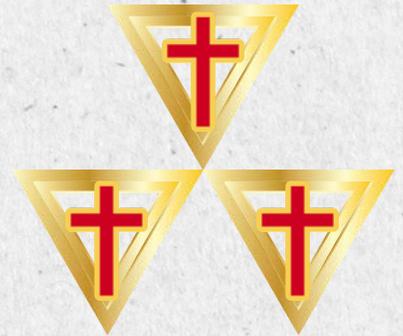
Let's charge into July with tons of excitement and energy.

Sincerely,

Jason L. Lesikar
Grand Commander

PRAYER PROJECT

We are proud to introduce a new program this year for those in need of prayer. Through this project, prayer requests may be sent to the Eminent Grand Prelate of Texas who will “offer up prayers” for all that are submitted. This program is not limited to just Sir Knights of Texas nor members of Commandery alone. Submissions can be sent in through our website or by clicking [here](#).



STATEWIDE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 26-27 WACO, TX



September 26-27, will be the Statewide Festival at the **Grand Lodge Memorial Temple** in Waco, TX. For those looking to get involved, **Gabriel Jagush** is the main point of contact for any questions or assistance.

TEXAS HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOUNDATION

The [Texas Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation](#) offers badges as a gift to donors who give \$250 (Bronze), \$500 (Silver), and \$1,000 (Gold). There are also neckties available for lower level donations. Your badge can be proudly worn on your Class A uniform above your left chest!



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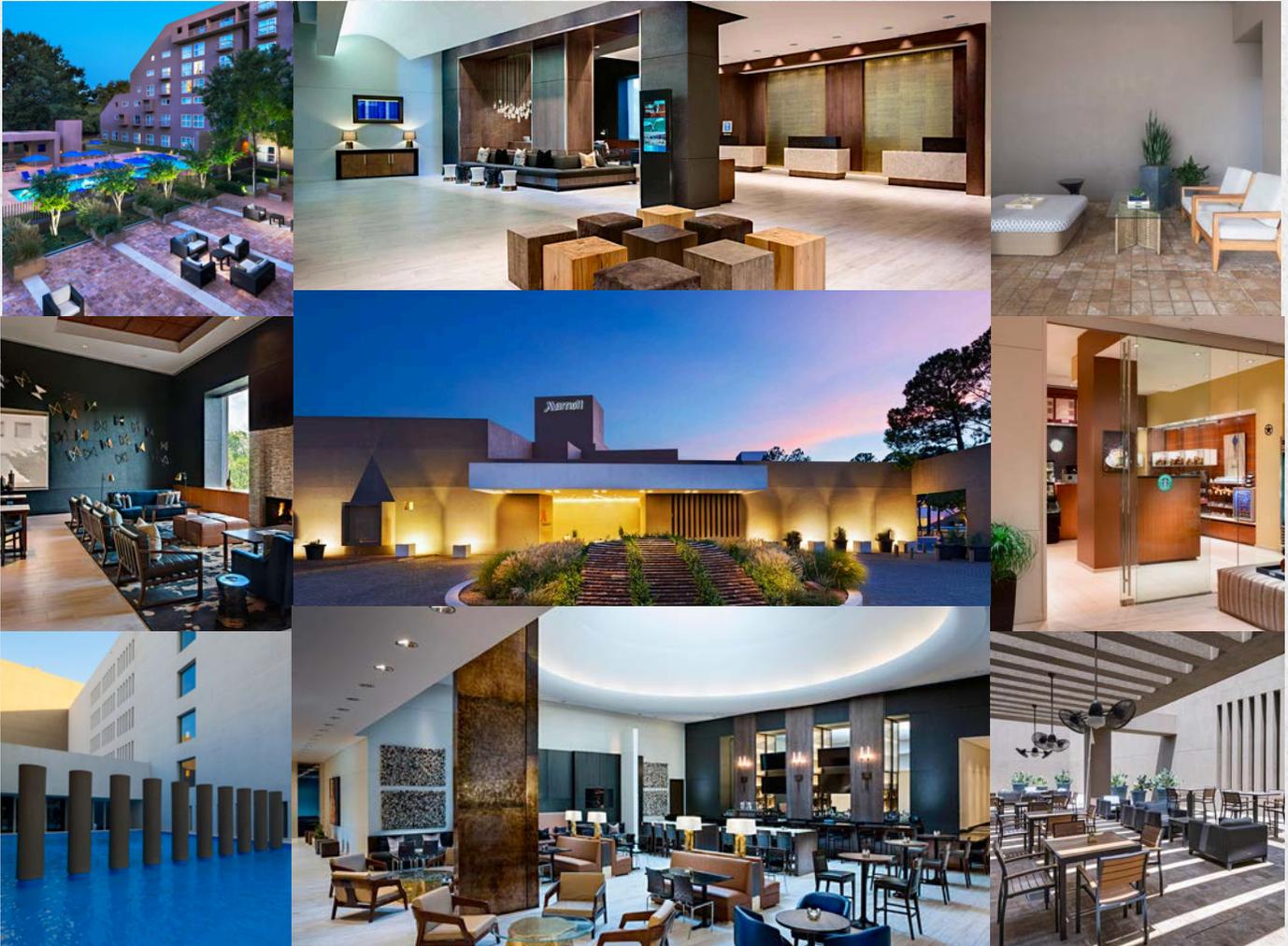
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SAVE THE DATE - 173RD GRAND ANNUAL CONCLAVE



Mark your calendars for **April 16-19, 2026** for the 173rd Grand Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas! Our Grand Commander and his team are excited to host the Sir Knights of Texas at the Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Westlake. Located in Solana Plaza, the host hotel is surrounded by great opportunities for families to enjoy.

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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



A MESSAGE FROM THE EMINENT GRAND PRELATE SK CHANCE CHAPMAN, PGC, KCT

Sir Knights,

As we pause our daily lives and usual vocations for a celebration of our country, let us keep in mind the heroes who have fought for all the freedoms we are allowed to enjoy. Their sacrifices, along with those made by their loved ones, helped pay the price for those freedoms. We are eternally grateful to each of them. I hope each of you will take a moment to remember these heroes and be thankful for them.

Prayer has been a trademark of all the heroes of our faith as well. From Moses interceding for Israel to David pouring out his heart in the Psalms, they recognized it as a lifeline to God, who hears and responds. They turned to prayer not only in moments of desperation, which we all seem to do, but also in seasons of gratitude and praise. It was not a ritual obligation but rather an essential part of their relationship and spiritual journey through life.

It offers us the opportunity to have a relationship with our Heavenly Father and to know and perform His will. Prayer does change things - especially for those who pray. Through it, we grow in faith, find peace amid trials, and develop a greater awareness of God's presence in our lives. Just as it empowered the heroes of the past, prayer remains a powerful force in shaping a life of purpose, courage, and connection with our Creator.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we are reminded that many of our nation's founders also recognized the value of prayer, seeking God's guidance in the birth of a new nation. Just as they leaned on divine wisdom during uncertain times, we, too, can honor our freedom by turning to God in prayer, asking for continued guidance, peace, and unity in our land. Prayer remains a powerful force in shaping not only individual lives but the very soul of a nation.

Please pray with me:

Heavenly Father, Giver of Life and Liberty, we pause for a moment to pour out our thanksgiving for the blessings you have given to us who are fortunate to live in this great country. Give us unity as a people that we may live happier lives. Father, I ask that you watch over the men and women fighting for our freedoms wherever they may be. May we always remember their sacrifices. All this we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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MMS REMINDERS



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As we begin the Summer months, it is important that the Texas constituent Commandery Recorders make sure their records are up to date for the September printing of dues cards. All changes to membership including Knightings, Demits, Suspensions, Reinstatements, Affiliations, Deaths and Address changes must be entered by **September 1, 2025** to assure the dues cards are printed correctly. Since the dues cards are mailed to the Commandery mailing address listed in MMS it is also important that the addresses for your Commanderies are updated as well.

Official Address – Must be the location where the Commandery holds its Conclaves. No mail is ever sent to this address.

Dues Return Address – This is the address that is printed in the upper left hand corner of all dues cards the Commandery.

Fed Ex/UPS Shipping Address – This must be a street address where a large package could be mailed.

Mailing Address – This is the address used for all mailings to your Commandery including 1st class mail, Priority mail, and Express mail.



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR



Sir Knights,

This season has brought renewed opportunities to serve with purpose. I've been blessed to travel recently, meeting fellow Sir Knights, both new and familiar, and witnessing firsthand the dedication alive in our Commanderies. These moments have stirred in me a deeper commitment—to give more, to be present, and to do what I can to strengthen the bond we share in Christ and chivalry. As I strive to do more for my own Commandery, I encourage each of you to reflect on how your personal walk can uplift our collective mission. And if you find that answer, never hesitate to share it with me as I would be thrilled to include it in the publication. Whether through prayer, presence, or leadership, your contribution matters. Let us continue to walk that path together, unified in faith, service, and love of our Lord. **“All the way to heaven is heaven, because He said, ‘I am the Way.’”** — St. Catherine of Siena

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