

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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Leander Commandery No. 118 Form an Arch of Steel at a Lodge Installation

Sir Knights,

We are entering the last month of “Summer” and how great has it been that we have not been gifted with 100 degrees plus days. This has been one of the most pleasant summers in a long time. Not just with temperature but also rain. For some of our state and fellow Sir Knights, the rain became a burden and point of sadness. I would ask that we keep all our fellow Texans in our prayers, especially our fellow Sir Knights and their families.

As we look toward cooler temperatures and all the fun of the fall, let’s find ways to be visible to the public, whether that is volunteering somewhere or even flag presentation at sporting events. These are great ways to not only get involved, but to show our communities what Christian Knights are all about.

Our store is up and running. You can find links to it on Facebook and on the website as well. More items will begin to appear as we go through the year to offer different opportunities to grab memorabilia, but to also support your Grand Commandery.

As you are reading this, your Grand Commandery is working hard for you. We will be meeting August the 2nd for our Mid-year meeting to all be on the same page and prepare for the future of our Grand Commanderies and local commanderies. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Grand Officer in your district or myself to see what we can do to assist you.

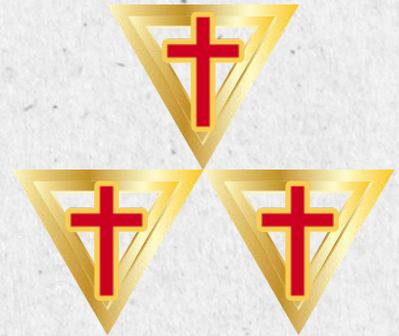
Let’s end the summer with as much energy and determination as we can.

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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2025 SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE




SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR RESORT
2500 SOUTH SHORE BLVD
LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS 77573

HOTEL INFO
With room rates beginning at \$149/night, check in is offered as soon as early as September 18 and stay until September 21, 2025. Houston Hobby is the closest airport.

FACILITIES INCLUDE...

- All on site meeting rooms
- Several dining options
- Free parking

ENJOY LOTS OF...
Fishing, Seafood Dining, Boating, Space Center Houston, Family Excursions, Yacht Clubs, Golf Clubs, Nature Centers, Night Life, And More!

2025 Texas
SOUTH CENTRAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE

A mean to exchange ideas, matters of mutual interest, and concepts concerning the several grand jurisdictions.



REGISTRATION:
Hotel deadline: 8/25/2025
Conference deadline: 9/12/2025

The 68th Annual South Central York Rite Conference is next month in League City, Texas! The conference will be held on **September 19-20, 2025** and registration is open: click [here](#)! Hotel accommodations are available at the South Shore Harbour Resort for just \$149 per night (before taxes). Be sure to [reserve your room](#) by the hotel deadline of **August 25, 2025**, to secure the discounted rate. Please note that the conference registration deadline is September 12, 2025.

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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



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

Sir Knights,

We are inching closer to Inspection season and before we know it, we will be holding elections and installations. Some of our Sir Knights are beginning to feel burnt out. Some are anxious. Some are feeling isolated. And, sadly, some just feel nothing at all. I encourage all of us to work on reaching out to our fellow Sir Knights, constantly, to prevent those undesired feelings from taking over.

For those that have already gone through the Commissioned Templar Chaplain program through the Grand Encampment, I want to encourage you to live out what you learned. Mostly, let us just simply be there for others. If you have been contemplating beginning the program, please do so. You will not regret it. If you haven't heard of this program before, I recommend you check it out on the Grand Encampment's educational [website](#). Here is a [flyer](#) for the program full of great information.

Let us be reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul who wrote in Romans 12:3-5: *For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, through many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* Sir Knights, we all have a role to play in both the Kingdom of God and also our fraternity. I humbly ask that we all do what we can with the talents we have all been given to better the Grand Commandery of Texas. These tasks will vary greatly, but all of them are vital. Never forget that you are both wanted and needed.

Please pray with me:

Most Gracious Father, Ruler of Righteousness, we come before you now with hearts full of gratitude. We ask for comfort for those in distress and healing for those in sickness. Father God, we also ask that you use each of us in accordance with your will in all that we do. Give us the knowledge to lean on Your desires instead of our own. May all that we do give glory to you and never bring discredit upon ourselves, our fraternity, nor Your Kingdom. All this ask in the Name above all names, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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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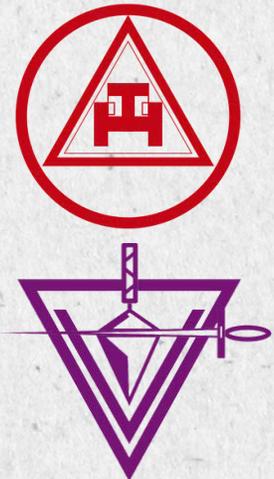
WRITERS WANTED – SHARE YOUR TEMPLAR STORY!



The Templar newsletter is expanding! We're looking for contributors to go beyond event recaps and help share meaningful stories, reflections, and insights related to Templary. Whether it's historical, personal, or inspirational—if it uplifts the Order, we want to hear it. Interested? Contact [The Editor](#) with your idea and help us bring the Light of Templary to life on the page.

SAVE THE DATE FOR GRAND CHAPTER AND COUNCIL

The Grand Annual Convocation and Assembly of the Grand Chapter and Council of Texas is set for the second weekend of December, falling on Friday and Saturday, **December 12–13, 2025**. This is one of the most important gatherings of the year, and you won't want to miss the fellowship, the fraternal business, and the opportunity to reconnect with Companions from across the state. Start making your travel plans now!



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR



Sir Knights,

As I sit down to write this note, I do so with a heart both humbled and stirred. Some of you may not know this—but I am not a Past Commander. In fact, I have even admitted that I have done more volunteerism for the Grand Commandery than I have done for my local one. That truth is hard to share, especially now, as I find myself growing more active in our Commandery once again after leaving the east in Chapter and Council.

I've come to believe, as many of us do, that the Lord truly works in mysterious ways. He does not always call the qualified—but He qualifies the called. I get chills when I begin to question or realize if I am one of them. As it says in Proverbs 3:5-6: **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”** Thank you for letting me walk this path beside you. Let us continue to serve with courage, faith, and love.

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