

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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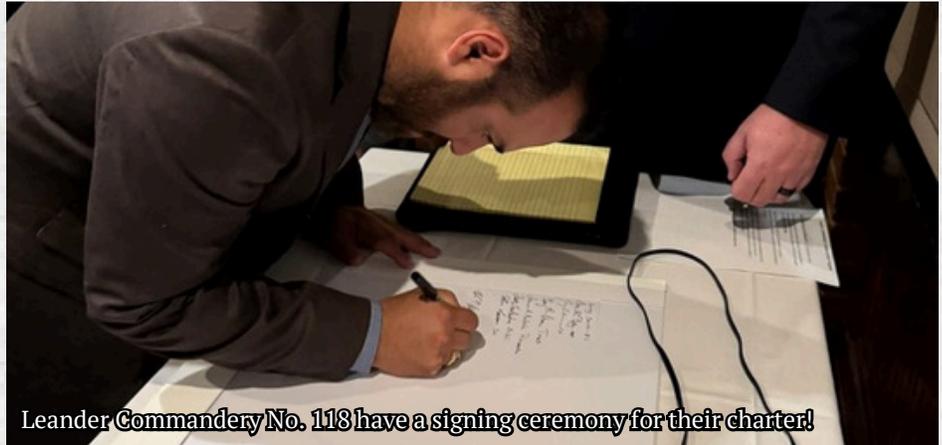


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Leander Commandery No. 118 have a signing ceremony for their charter!

Sir Knights,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with long days and good memories. As we move into September, we look forward to beginning our annual inspections, along with some exciting events on the horizon.

Mark your calendars for the South-Central gathering on September 19–20 in League City at South Shore Harbor and Resort, where your Grand Commandery Officers will proudly represent Texas and stay connected with developments of the other Grand Commandery in our Department.

We're especially pleased to announce the Outdoor Order of the Temple on Saturday, September 27, at 6:30 PM. There will be a short intermission between the Order of Malta and the Outdoor Order, and we'll be sharing full details very soon.

Looking further ahead, plans are also underway for the Charity Ball in December, a highlight of the year that you won't want to miss.

As a reminder, during inspections the Grand Officer is to be received. And of course, let's not forget Labor Day on September 1st, a well-earned day of rest and celebration for all.

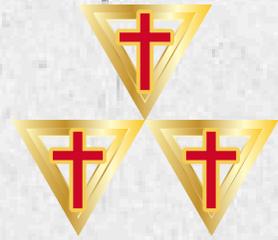
"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." – Aristotle

Sincerely,

Jason L. Lesikar
Grand Commander

PRAYER 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.

GRAND COMMANDER'S 2025 MERCH



Challenge Coin: \$22 + \$8 S/H

Pin: \$7 + \$8 S/H

Bundle (one pin & one coin) \$27 + \$8 S/H

Order yours today by filling out the form [here](#). Zelle is accepted using the number: 817-726-7998. Cash and check payments are requested in person.

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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 this 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). Conference registration deadline is September 12, 2025.

Join your fellow leaders of the York Rite for an exciting program where exchanging ideas, sharing successes, and enjoying food & fellowship will be our top priority.

RECRUITING - FAMILY DAY FLAG PRESENTATION



We are calling for a **large presence** in full uniform to present the colors at the TMRC Family Day. This is an opportunity to demonstrate the honor, tradition, and unity of our Order before the residents, families, and guests. Your participation will not only reflect our dedication to service but also inspire others with the sight of a well-turned-out line of Sir Knights. Let us stand tall together in support of this worthy occasion! Please contact [SK Micah Frost](#) for participation.

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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



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

Sir Knights,

Inspection season is here! While we are in this important time, let us remember the true purpose of our Order. We are the defenders of the Christian faith and have pledge to wield our swords in very specific causes. I know, firsthand, the anxiety that comes with the Inspection. I vividly recall the nerves at several of them from wanting to my part just right. My fraters, simply showing up and doing your part is half

the battle. Remember, we are there to demonstrate our proficiency. This is not a life or death situation. While we should all stive to do a great job, we must remember that it is ok to make a mistake. Move forward. Don't just stop moving altogether because of a mistake that may or may not be made.

As we move forward, so should we keep our eyes on the inheritance reserved for us in Heaven as well. 1 Peter 1:3-5 teaches us, *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."* What a comforting message indeed! The old hymn *When We All Get to Heaven* comes to mind, especially these lyrics: "Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold; soon the pearly gates will open- we shall tread the streets of gold." This month, may we all remained focus on the inheritance we have in store through the salvation provided to us by the Lamb of God.

Please pray with me:

Sovereign God, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, we come before you to praise you for the gift of salvation offered to each of us. May we be constantly aware of the bountiful gifts of grave bestowed upon us and be a positive force for Christendom. Be with each Sir Knight as we go through this Inspection Season. In all that we do, let us be hearts be expanded by benevolence and our actions reflective of the teachings we have received. In all that we do, we will give you praise. These things we ask in the name of our Redeemer. 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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RECORDER'S DESK



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER SK RONNIE WILSON, PGC, KCT

Sir Knight Recorders: please make sure both the physical address and mailing address of your commanderies are updated in MMS. I am seeing an increase in returned letters and packages from the postal service due to incorrect addresses. Additionally, as a reminder for the upcoming state wide festival in Waco all petitions for potential new sir knights must be voted and approved by a local commandery before attending the festival in Waco. Do not direct these candidates to go to Waco until the local approval has been given. In the past we have had individuals show up at the festival without the proper documents in place. I appreciate your assistance on this.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DOCK FRANKLIN DIXON JR.

(1930-2025)

PAST GRAND COMMANDER 2009
KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE 2010
CHARTER MEMBER KNIGHT PRECEPTOR 1996



The The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas is saddened to report that Right Eminent Dock Dixon, PGC passed into the hands of our Father on Monday nearing the age of 95. From Way Cross, Georgia, he lived a long, full life marked by devotion to family, service to his country, and generosity toward everyone he met. Please keep his family and memory in your hearts and prayers. Please read his obituary [HERE](#).

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WRITERS WANTED – SHARE YOUR TEMPLAR STORY!

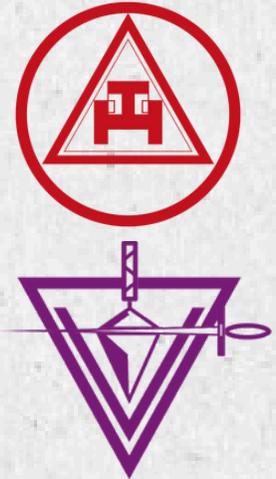


We're looking for contributors to go beyond event recaps and help share meaningful stories, reflections, and insights related to Templary. Whether it's historical, personal, or inspirational—if it uplifts the Order, we want to hear it.

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,

I was truly honored last month to attend the Grand Commandery mid-year meeting and present an update on this publication through the Committee on Electronic Communications. It was a great experience to share how far we've come—offering statistics, growth trends, and a glimpse of how many Sir Knights are engaging with our work. Sitting there at the table of Grand Officers, speaking on behalf of all of us, I felt a renewed sense of purpose and pride in what we are building together.

Moments like that remind me that this is more than just a newsletter or a set of reports—it's a record of our shared labor, our victories, and the bonds that tie us together as Christian Knights. As Philippians 1:3 says: **"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."** I am grateful for each of you who contribute in your own way—whether by leading, serving, encouraging, or simply showing up faithfully. May we continue to grow in unity, sharpen one another, and serve with the courage, faith, and charity.

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