

# THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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4th Annual Outdoor Order of the Temple on 12 Candidates

Sir Knights,

As we enter the fourth quarter of the year, I would like to take a moment to recap recent events and share upcoming opportunities within our Grand Commandery.

We had the pleasure of attending the South Central York Rite Conference in League City, held at the South Shore Harbour Resort. It was an outstanding event filled with valuable information on upcoming programs and educational opportunities. A special highlight was the powerful report delivered by Dr. Lee on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Texas was well represented, and the camaraderie and fellowship were deeply enriching. Following the conference, the Fourth Outdoor Order of the Temple was held in Malone, Texas, with 40 Sir Knights and candidates in attendance. The ritual went exceptionally well, and those present enjoyed a unique and memorable experience. For those who couldn't make it, I sincerely hope you will consider attending in the future. There's something special about witnessing the Order performed in the open air, surrounded by brothers in Christ.

Looking ahead, Masonic Family Day will be held on October 11 at the Texas Masonic Retirement Community in Arlington, Texas. This event is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with brothers and Sir Knights from across the state. It has always been a joyous and meaningful day, and I hope to see many of you there.

I would also like to speak to each of you from the heart. As Knights Templar, we are called to live as examples of Christ, letting our light shine for others so that "they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). In a world often filled with pain, division, and suffering, our words and actions must reflect the teachings of our Savior. Recent events across our country remind us that we live in a broken world. We see sorrow and hardship all around us. But as Christian Knights, we are not called to celebrate the misfortunes of others, nor to respond to hatred with hatred. Instead, we are commanded by Christ in Luke 6:27-28: **"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."** We are all human and all make mistakes. In recognizing our own imperfections, we must extend grace and understanding to others. Our Lord calls us in Matthew 22:39 to **"Love your neighbor as yourself."** That means all our neighbors—those who look, think, believe, and live differently than we do.

Let us remember: Our time on this earth is short, and none of us knows how much time we've been given. When we interact with others, I hope we are seen as faithful servants of Christ, shining His light through our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. May our lives be a testament to His love, and may we seek to disciple others not with judgment, but with grace and truth.

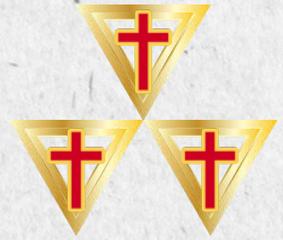
Let's strive to reflect the compassion, humility, and strength of our Savior, that in all we do, we glorify God.

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](#).



## UNIFORM ASSISTANCE -- WHAT & WHERE --



Your typical uniform without any meritorious, honor, or competitions jewels should consist of (left to right): Current office, Past office\*\*, Malta, and Red Cross. No more than four are to be worn.

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## 2025 SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE



The South Central Department Conference in League City, TX was a resounding success, bringing together York Rite Masons from across the region for a weekend of fellowship, leadership development, and meaningful discussions. The event strengthened bonds among Companions and Sir Knights, while offering valuable training and insight to help further the work of our local bodies. The strong attendance and enthusiastic participation reflected the continued growth and commitment of York Rite Masonry in the South Central Department.



## 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

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

Sir Knights,

In last month's message, we read a scripture that focused on mercy that we receive from God through Jesus Christ and the heavenly rewards that await us. This month, let's pause for a few moments and look at mercy's cousin, grace. Grace has been defined as receiving the good things of God that we don't deserve. Mercy is not receiving the things that we do deserve (like God's judgement and wrath). Together, they describe God's kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. We read of this in Ephesians 4:32: *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

My fraters, we are all given hard times to experience in this world. We will all go through the lowest of lows at some point or another during our lives. We are called upon to be ready to assist all worthy distressed knights as Knights Templars. Let us remember to keep the lessons we learn in our beautiful Orders from Word of God in mind.

Starting this month, I will challenge all Sir Knights to fulfill a prayer and action challenge each month related to the theme of the message. This month's challenges will focus on grace.

**Prayer Challenge:** Spend 7 days this month in prayer for the following: Receiving Grace, Grace in Weakness, Grace for Others, Forgiveness through Grace, Gratitude for Grace, Living by Grace, and Sharing Grace.

**Action Challenge:** Intentionally show grace to one person for each day you complete the Prayer Challenge- especially to someone who may not expect it. Examples: offer forgiveness or a kind word to someone who frustrated you; help someone in need without expecting anything in return; or speak encouragement to someone who's hard on themselves or often overlooked.

Please pray with me: **Heavenly God, we bow before you as humble servants in need of your mercy and grace. You have shown us compassion beyond measure. May we now walk in that same spirit. Teach us to show mercy to the fallen, grace to the needy, and love with humility. Make us true knights- strong in faith, humble in victory, and merciful in all things. In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

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# SAVE THE DATE - 173<sup>RD</sup> GRAND ANNUAL CONCLAVE

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Mark your calendars for **April 16-19, 2026** for the 173<sup>rd</sup> 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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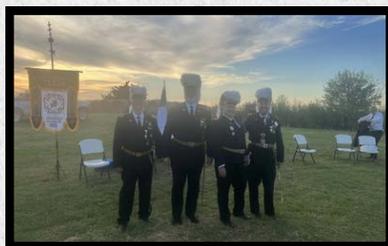


## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER SK RONNIE WILSON, PGC, KCT

Sir Knight Recorders,

We are rapidly getting close to the end of the year. As a reminder, it is never early to confirm your membership roster is accurate in MMS. Please update deaths, affiliations, suspensions, etc. now to save time when preparing your returns. Additionally, verify addresses, telephone numbers, and officers information for your local commanderies are entered and accurate in MMS. As always, if you need assistance please reach out to my office.

# 4TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR ORDER OF THE TEMPLE



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## WRITERS WANTED – SHARE YOUR TEMPLAR STORY!

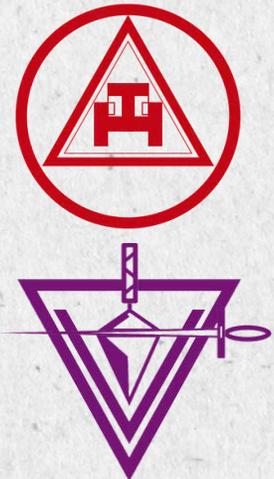


We're looking for contributors to go beyond event recaps and help share meaningful stories, reflections, and insights related to Templary. Whether it's historical, personal, or inspirational—if it uplifts the Order, we want to hear it.

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,

Whenever we gather in Knighthood, I love to think of the Lord's words from the Gospel of Matthew: ***“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God”*** (Matthew 5:9). In light of the various tragic events around the world that weigh heavy on hearts and communities, we are called once again to embody the charge of our Order—men of peace under the Prince of Peace.

The world has no greater need right now than for the calm assurance of Christ's love, carried forward by His faithful servants. May we recommit ourselves to being instruments of His peace, showing compassion where there is hurt, offering prayer where there is sorrow, and standing as witnesses of light against darkness.

Let us move forward with the hope that our labors may glorify God and bring comfort to those around us.

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