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From the Grand Senior Warden

Sir Knight Warren Hughes, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

The Right Eminent Grand Commander has asked the current Grand Commandery Officers to write articles each month for this supplement.



Hello Sir Knights.

I hope everyone has had a great summer. Summer 2025 was packed with many great events like the York Rite Grand Master's Classes, our annual Knights Templar Feast, and the Unity Council Meeting.

As we move into Fall, they are forecasting possibly an early Winter which means cooler temperatures. I'm not sure we will be able to recognize the cooler temperatures in Kansas because of the heat coming off the growth and enthusiasm of Kansas York Rite Masonry!

As we move closer to the Holiday Season and Thanksgiving, we, as Kansas York Rite members, have a lot to be thankful for.

Thanks to our prior and current leadership teams of the Kansas York Rite bodies, membership is steadily rising in most areas. Because of their vision and commitment, they created the "Securing Our Future" plan, implemented it and then put it to work.

Our Grand York Rite Mission Statement is "To encourage and support the York Rite of Freemasonry in Kansas by assisting its members and local bodies to achieve success in developing their abilities to contribute to the York Rite and the communities they serve." I have personally witnessed and observed the three heads of our Grand York Rite bodies putting this plan into action with their official visits during this past year.

My home Chapter, Council, and Commandery is one of the of the growing York Rite bodies in Kansas and therefore, we have a lot of young Companions and Sir Knights who are needing help and counsel with the ritual. During our official visits from the heads of the Grand York Rite bodies, each of them made a special effort to inform us they were there to help us and not to judge us. What should have been a meeting for them to be recognized as the heads of the bodies was instead used to help instruct us on the work. This made a major impression on the members which were present and they now have the excitement and drive to learn the work and make this unit the best it can be.

Our Grand Kansas York Rite leaders in Kansas are showing how true servant leadership can make a big difference. I would like to thank our past, present, and future leadership teams in making Kansas York Rite one of the best masonic experiences a member can have.

South Central Department Conference 2025

The 2025 South Central Department Conference was held in League City, Texas, on Saturday, September 20, 2025. It was another well attended conference and was hosted by the Grand Commandery of Texas.



The Conference was attended by the progressive line officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and included the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Jack M. Harper II, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight James McGee, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight David W. Studley, and the Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker.

The different speakers made presentations about membership development, outreach, social media usage, and leadership within the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commanderies of the various states and jurisdictions. There was also a fantastic presentation by one of the researchers who was funded by a grant from the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Kansas was well represented with eight Sir Knights in attendance. It was another excellent session and one which left the Sir Knights inspired to continue to work harder to develop our Commanderies in Kansas.

Social Order of the Beauceant Supreme Session



The 2025 Supreme Session of the Social Order of the Beauceant (SOOB), was held in Omaha, Nebraska almost immediately after the South Central York Rite Conference. Sir Knight Andrew Mosley, and his wife, Abigail, drove from League City, Texas, made a brief stop at their residence in McPherson, Kansas, and continued on to Omaha, Nebraska for the session. At the end of the session,



Abigail was appointed by the Supreme Worthy President to serve the Supreme Beauceant for the next year as Supreme Standard Bearer. Congratulations to Abigail on her officer appointment as she continues to serve the Supreme SOOB in this next area of leadership.

Grand Commander's November Schedule

The Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Kansas, Sir Knight Fred R. Kemp, is making his official visits to the various Commanderies within Kansas. Our Grand Commander is also active in many of the honorary York Rite bodies and he will be attending those meetings as well. The Grand Commander's tentative schedule for November, 2025 can be found below.

Red Cross Ingathering

November 1, 2025

Topeka, Kansas