

# THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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**Family Day 2025 Flag Presentation**

As we enter the month of November, I would like to take a moment to reflect on recent events and highlight some upcoming opportunities within our Grand Commandery.

We had the honor of presenting the colors at Masonic Family Day. The Sir Knights of Texas turned out in great numbers, and the presentation of the flags was both impressive and highly professional. Thank you to all who participated and contributed—you represented the Grand Commandery with pride and excellence.

Inspections are going very well. I hope each of you is enjoying the opportunity to showcase your Commandery, as well as reconnect with fellow Sir Knights we don't get to see often. This is truly a special time of year, a time of travel, fellowship, and fraternal spirit.

Looking ahead, Veterans Day falls on Tuesday, November 11th this year. It is a meaningful occasion to honor and thank our veterans for their love of country and personal sacrifices. Without their dedication, we would not enjoy the freedoms we cherish each day.

Please also mark your calendars for December 11–13, when we will gather for the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. Let us all make the effort to attend and show our support for our fellow Sir Knights and Companions.

As we near the end of the year, I'd like to remind everyone about annual returns. It is crucial that you are using MMS to report accurate membership numbers and submit correct payments. Recorders: if you need assistance, now is the time to ask. Please don't wait until December 31st—by then, it may be too late to catch up.

Lastly, I wish each of you a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving. May your holiday season be filled with love, gratitude, and time well spent with family and friends.

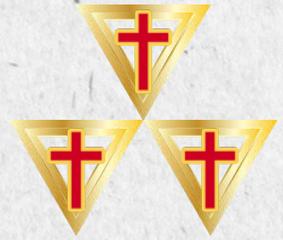
*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." —Colossians 3:17.* Let us continue to reflect the compassion, humility, and strength of our Savior. In all that we do, may we glorify God.

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](#).



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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,

Throughout history, we see that God uses ordinary people to accomplish His will. We see it time and time again with figures such as Moses, David, Gideon, Peter, Esther, Mary, Andrew, and Simon. Their lives were from all different backgrounds. From the poorest of the poor to the richest of the rich. All their paths led them to that of serving God and fulfilling His will for us. I firmly believe that we are also called to perform acts to fulfill God's will. It may not be as bold as freeing the Israelites from Egypt or carrying the cross of the Savior, but all acts are done for a purpose. We should never underestimate what God can do through someone that yields their life to Him.

All of us probably know by heart, or have at least heard, Philippians 4:13. Most probably don't recognize verse 12 right before it though: *"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."* Being content in any and every situation is a level of thankfulness that I pray we can all achieve. As we go through this month, let us be content with our situations but also fulfill our duties as Knights Templar to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.

**Prayer Challenge:** Each day, offer a prayer of thankfulness for yourself and also for someone who may be struggling to feel thankful: a lonely widow, a Sir Knight facing a deep trial in his life, a family facing a hardship.

**Action Challenge:** Find three intentional and practical acts of charity that reflect the spirit of Thanksgiving. Examples: provide a meal for someone in need, write a heartfelt note of gratitude, volunteer in a holiday outreach program, donate food or supplies to a local charity.

Please pray with me: **Our Father, the provider and protector of all, we bow our heads and open our hearts with gratitude. We are thankful for every single blessing you have bestowed upon us and also of the trials we have faced as we know that they bring us closer to You. It is my prayer that every Knight Templar be blessed in this season of giving thanks. Watch over us and guide us to do Your will. In Jesus' name- Amen.**

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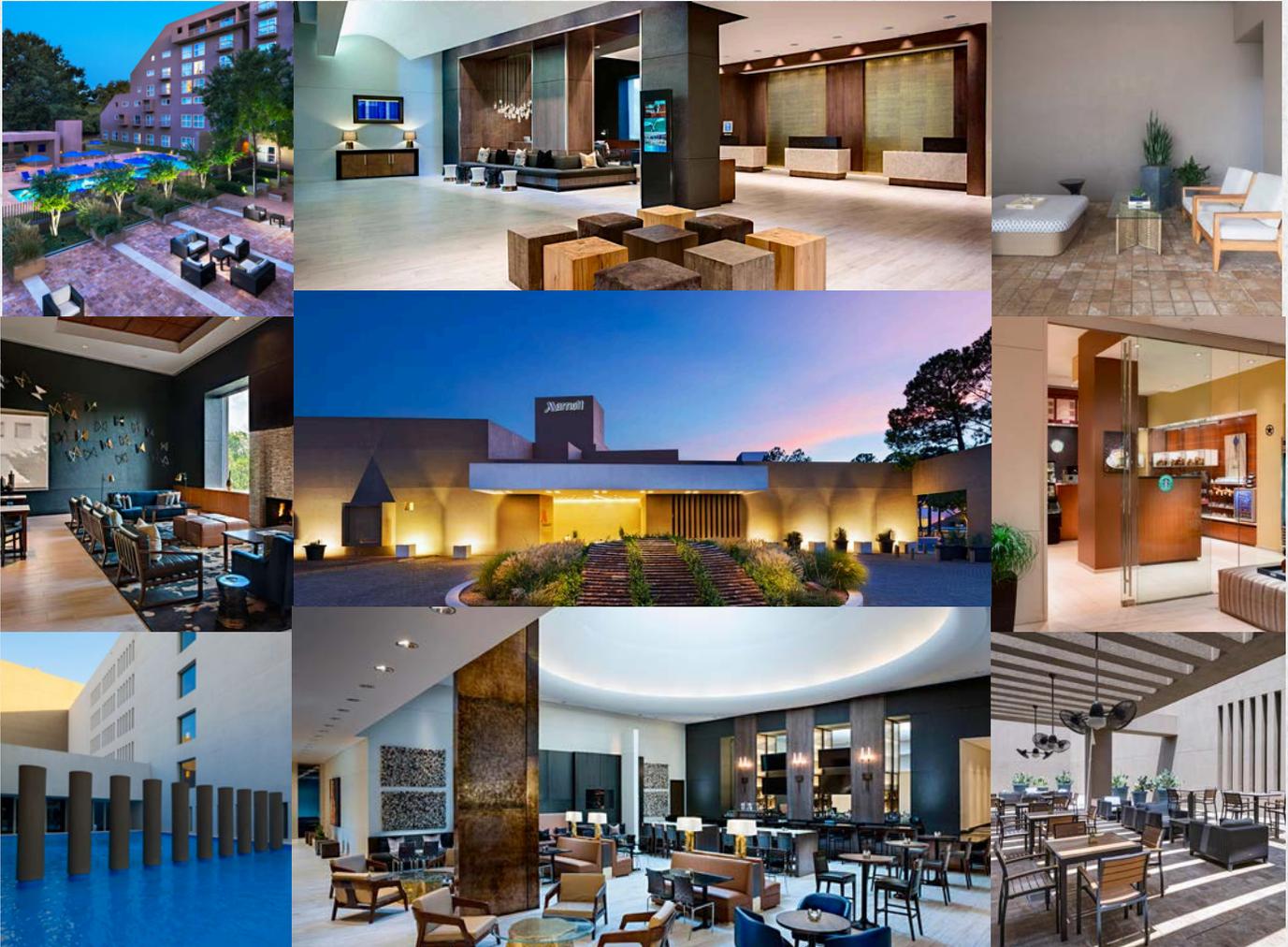
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# SAVE THE DATE - 173<sup>RD</sup> GRAND ANNUAL CONCLAVE

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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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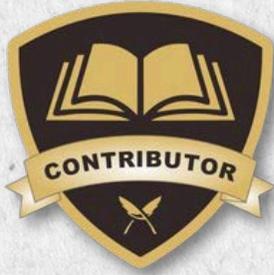
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## WRITERS WANTED – SHARE YOUR TEMPLAR STORY!

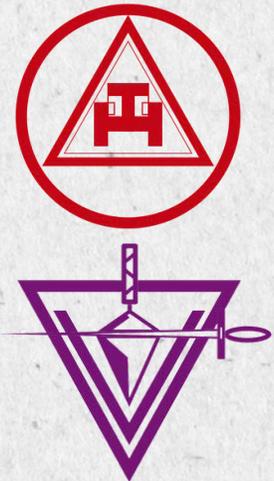


We're looking for contributors to go beyond event recaps and help share meaningful stories, reflections, and insights related to Templary. Whether it's historical, personal, or inspirational—if it uplifts the Order, we want to hear it.

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 NEXT MONTH (**December 12–13, 2025**) at the Grand Lodge Memorial Temple in Waco. 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



This month, I'd like to reflect on something that often goes unnoticed but is vital to our success—communication. It's one of the strongest tools we have to stay united as Christian Knights. Whether it's through newsletters, general orders, or a simple conversation between friends in uniform; communication keeps our mission alive and our fellowship strong. I'm deeply honored to be one of the Sir Knights entrusted with helping share our stories and messages across Texas. Every report, picture, and article that comes in is a reminder that our work is meaningful—not only because of what we do, but because we share it with one another. It's how we celebrate victories, learn from challenges, and strengthen the bonds that tie our Commanderies together. ***“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” – Proverbs 25:11***

As we continue moving forward, let us keep our lines of communication open—between Commanderies, officers, and most importantly, between brothers. Together, through faith and fellowship, we ensure that the light of Templary continues to shine brightly across our great state.

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