

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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Fraternal greetings to each of you, Sir Knights. It was truly an honor to gather recently at Grand Lodge and witness the dedication and unity of our Order. Seeing the fantastic Sir Knights forming an Arch of Steel was a memorable moment, and one that beautifully symbolizes the discipline and brotherhood that define Templary. Experiences like these inspire pride in our shared heritage and remind us of the values that guide our lives and our service as Knights.

As we reflect on these moments, we are reminded that the work of a Knight extends far beyond ritual. Faith, service, honor, and charity are not merely ideals—they are living principles that shape our actions, our communities, and the bonds of brotherhood we share. In every interaction, we have the opportunity to embody these values, strengthening not only ourselves but also those around us.

Looking ahead, we are just two months away from Grand Commandery in Westlake, Texas. Our annual Conclave always promises fellowship, reflection, and the celebration of our Order's achievements. Grand Commandery offers a chance to come together as a state-wide body of Sir Knights, to support one another, and to draw inspiration from the dedication and leadership of our brethren. It is a time to recognize the accomplishments within our Commanderies, renew our commitments, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as Christian Knights.

As we approach this event, let us remain mindful of the responsibilities entrusted to us. Leadership within our Commanderies is a sacred duty, requiring humility, compassion, and steadfast dedication to the traditions of Templary. To those serving in positions of responsibility, your commitment ensures the continued strength and vitality of our Order. To those preparing to assume new roles, may you lead with wisdom, courage, and a spirit of service that reflects the highest ideals of our Fraternity.

Sir Knights, let us continue to uphold the principles of our Order in all aspects of our lives. May our actions reflect honor, charity, and faith, and may our service inspire others to embrace the virtues that define Templary. As we look forward to Grand Commandery and beyond, let us strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, celebrate our shared achievements, and remain steadfast in our mission to serve God, our Order, and our communities.

May God bless each of you, your families, and your Commanderies.

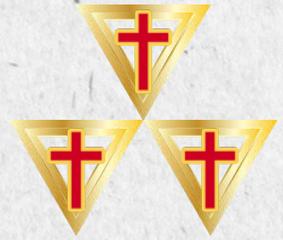
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason L. Lesikar".

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](#).



GRAND COMMANDER'S 2025 MERCH



Challenge coins are available for \$22 plus \$8 for shipping and handling, while pins are \$7 plus \$8 for shipping and handling. A bundle option that includes one pin and one challenge coin is also available for \$27 plus \$8 for shipping and handling. Order yours today by filling out the form, and note that Zelle is accepted using the number 817-726-7998. Cash and check payments are requested for in-person transactions.

TEXAS CHAPLAINCY

At the 190th Grand Annual Communication, the four Grand Clergy Officers gathered for a ceremonial "Family portrait."

Left to right is:

- R.: W.: Chad LaGrone, Grand Lodge
- E.: Brian Dodson, Grand Royal Arch Chapter
- I.: Matt Casen, Grand Council R&SM
- E.: Chance Chapman, Grand Commandery



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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



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

Sir Knights,

In this month devoted to love, it is fitting that we pause a moment to think about the love God has for us and that we have for each other. Love doesn't just exist between a husband and a wife. It isn't reserved for just your family members. Love is the choice of choosing goodness for another person and then acting on it. It appears in patience, sacrifice, forgiveness, and commitment - even when in difficult times.

It is modeled in humility and grace and is willing the good of another, again and again.

1 John 4:20 teaches us, *"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."* My fraters, this verse is a deep teaching we must all take to heart. Extend love, grace, forgiveness, and humility in all actions - even when it feels like the hardest thing to do. Pray for each other. Love one another, as taught in John 13:34-35. When this seems to be too much to do, turn to Jesus in prayer. He will guide and direct you in all things with love.

Prayer Challenge: Devote seven days this month, essentially once every four days, to pray about the following: 1) Love received. 2) Love purified. 3) Love enlarged. 4) Love in speech. 5) Love in patience. 6) Love in forgiveness. 7) Love in action.

Action Challenge: On those same days, put your love in motion by performing tasks related to the relating topics: 1) Encouragement. 2) Service to others. 3) Listen to someone. 4) Forgiveness. 5) Give from the heart. 6). Speak kindly. 7) Love the difficult.

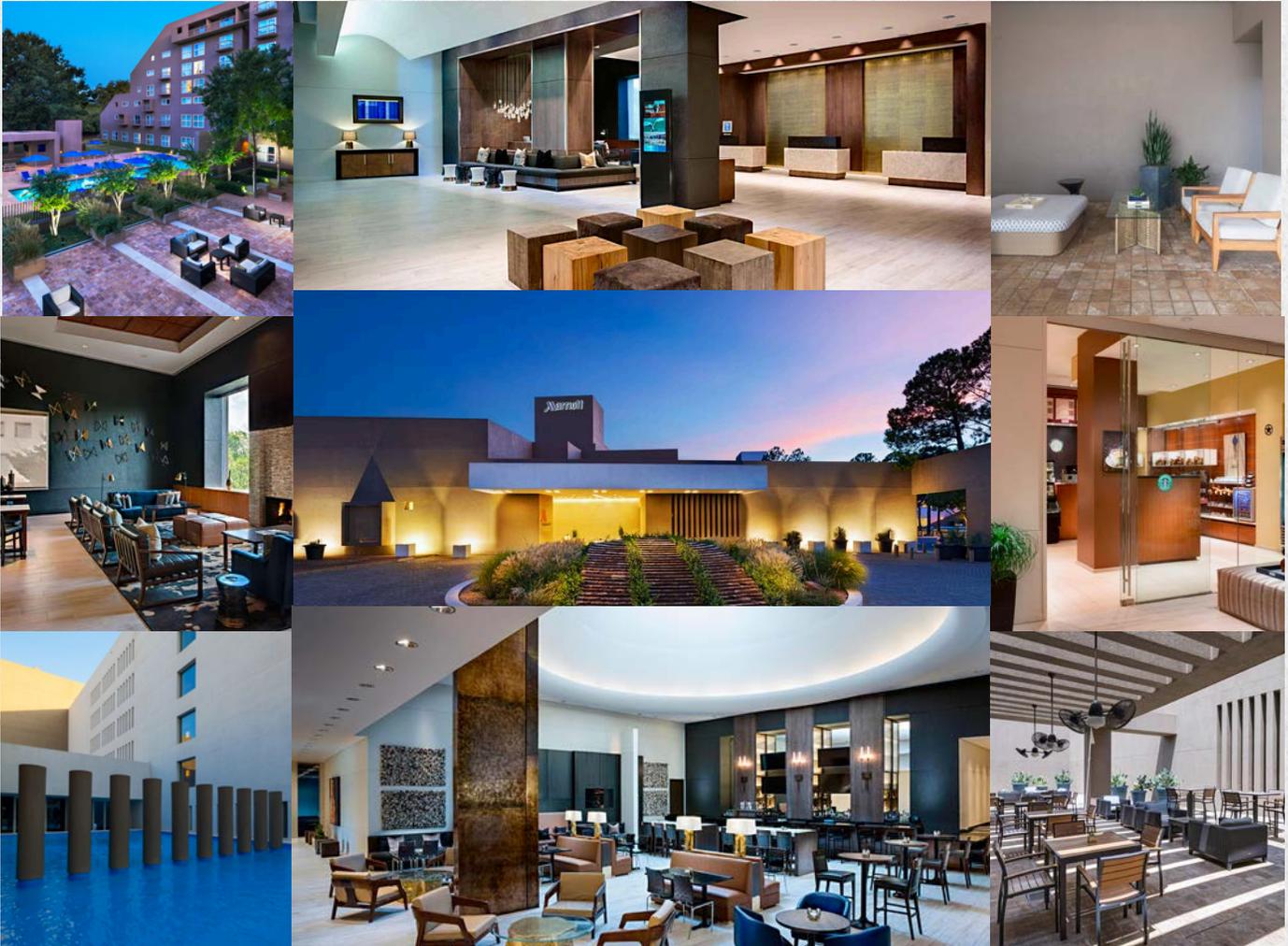
Please pray with me: **Loving Father, we come before you now with heads bowed and hearts open. Teach us to love others and You have loved us - freely, patiently, and unconditionally. Soften our hearts when they are hardened. Strengthen our hands to serve others. Guide our words and actions that we avoid causing unnecessary pain. May we always give glory to You and live in a manner that reflects love, even when it is difficult. We are thankful for the love and mercy pour out on us through the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. We pray this in the name of the Lamb of God, our Mediator and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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SAVE THE DATE - 173RD GRAND ANNUAL CONCLAVE



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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,

Annual returns and payment were due to the Grand Recorder by January 15. If you have not done so, please contact me as soon as possible. or any Sir Knight, please feel free to reach out to me if you need anything at all—I'm always happy to help. We still have merchandise available, and with this time of year being important for 990 filings and other administrative matters, now is a great opportunity to make sure everything is in order.

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GIFT FROM THE EDITOR



Sir Knights are invited to contribute articles, photos, announcements, or other content for inclusion in the newsletter, helping to keep our Commandery informed and engaged. As a token of appreciation for their efforts, the Editor will award a Contributor Pin to any Sir Knight whose submission is published.

HERITAGE & HISTORY

The Cross of Malta jewel is still seen on every uniform of a Sir Knight. However, this style with a black drape behind the ribbon is of an older time. Made in Seattle, this particular jewel looks very similar to the modern ones, but a unique difference is rays are expounding out of the Great Seal of the United States.



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR



Sir Knights,

It was truly great to see so many of you at Grand Lodge, representing templary with pride, fellowship, and commitment to our Christian values. Gatherings like these strengthen our bonds and remind us that our Order is built not only on ritual, but on presence, service, and brotherly love.

As Scripture reminds us, ***“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”*** — 1 Corinthians 16:13–14. May we continue to walk in faith and unity as we labor together in the work set before us.

I was recently on a Zoom call for another body where a Sir Knight complemented our continued work specifically noting how we feature history periodically. That being a topic we haven't featured in awhile, I am privileged to add back a little history blurb, truly, by request! It is conversations like those that allow me to look forward to the work ahead and to seeing each of you again soon.

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