

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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Stephenville Commandery no. 100 presents the Excalibur to their longtime Prelate

Greetings to you all,

As we move through this season, we are reminded of the importance of reflection, fellowship, and renewal in both our fraternal and personal lives.

First and foremost, plans are well underway for our upcoming Grand Conclave, which will be held April 16–19 in Westlake, Texas. This promises to be an extremely fun and memorable experience, filled with fellowship, meaningful work, and the opportunity to reconnect with Sir Knights from across our great state.

One of the highlights of the Grand Conclave will be our banquet, which is shaping up to be a fun-filled evening of music, entertainment and fellowship. It will be a wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy good company, and celebrate our shared Templar bonds.

The hotel reservation links are [NOW LIVE](#) on the Grand Commandery website, and I encourage you to make your arrangements early. Registration for the Grand Conclave will be opening soon, and additional details will be shared as they become available.

Additionally, please mark your calendars for our Good Friday Observance (April 3), which will take place in Waco at the Grand Lodge building. This solemn and meaningful observance is always a highlight of our Templar year. More detailed information is on [PAGE 3](#), so please be on the lookout for that communication.

Thank you for your continued dedication, support, and enthusiasm for our Order. I look forward to seeing many of you in Waco and again in Westlake as we continue our labors together.

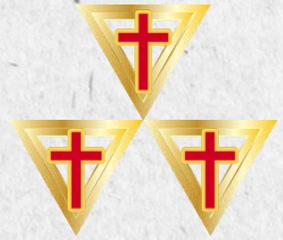
Sincerely,

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](#).



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UNIFORM TIPS



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2026 GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCE



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AND MUSEUM OF TEXAS

715 COLUMBUS AVE.
WACO, TX 76701

APRIL 3RD

JOIN OUR GRAND COMMANDER AND
GRAND PRELATE FOR THIS JOINTLY
SPONSORED EVENT BY A.P.O.A.S.
COMMANDERY IN MEMORY OF THE
CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF OUR
SAVIOR.

GATHER: 3:00 PM
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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



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

Sir Knights,

As this current Grand Commandery year is coming to an end and we prepare to gather next month for our Grand Conclave, let us be reminded that our strength is not merely found in positions, ritual proficiency, or even attendance numbers. We must also focus on the sincerity of our faith and the consistency of our Christian and Masonic value. Each of us, as Knights Templar, has taken vows to defend the Christian faith and to live lives that reflect the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May we be faithful to those vows in the conduct of our lives.

In a world marked by division and uncertainty, we should be know for steadiness of character and conviction. We don't just put on our uniforms but we are to put on the Armor of God as well. I'm reminded of John 13:35, "*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*" I encourage every Sir Knight to follow this teaching and every Commandery to make prayer a visible and regular part of all gatherings. Pray for the Officers that lead our Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment. Pray for all of our Sir Knights, whether they are in sickness and distress or having reports of great news. Pray for our faith that it might be strengthened and shared throughout the world.

May we always remember that we are Knights, we are Masons, and we are Christians. Before we lead, we must kneel.

Prayer Challenge: Over the next month, pray for three things: humility, unity, and a specific Sir Knight by name.

Action Challenge: Get in contact with one Sir Knight you haven't seen in some time and just pray with him for whatever his needs may be.

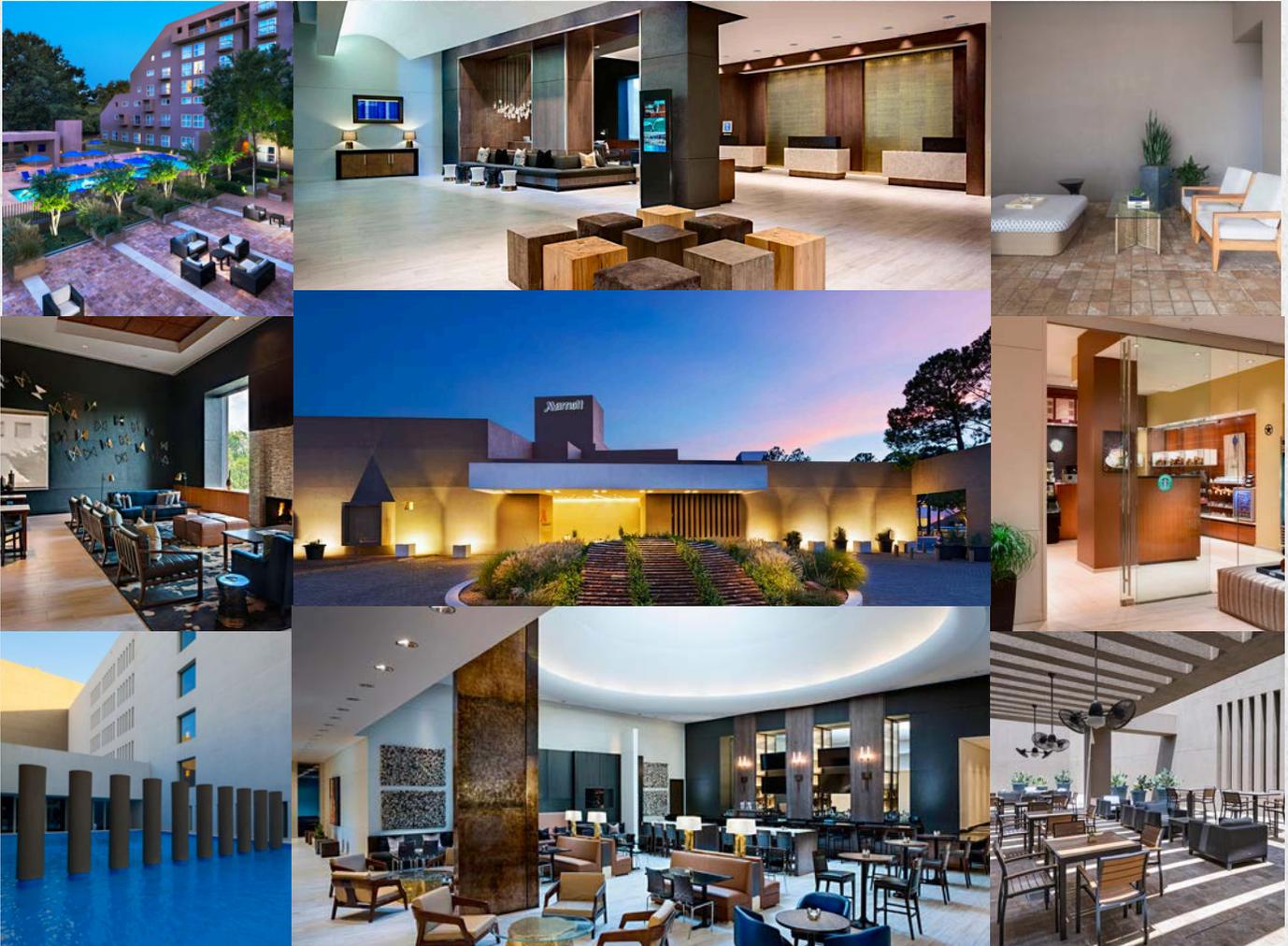
Please pray with me: **Almighty and Most Merciful God, we humbly kneel before Thee and acknowledge that all good things come from you. Grant us hearts of humility. Strengthen our vows to each other and to You. In all that we do, unite us in purpose and devotion. All of these things, we ask in the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

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SAVE THE DATE - 173RD GRAND ANNUAL CONCLAVE



[HOTEL
RESERVATIONS](#) >>

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REGISTRATION](#) >>

Hotel reservations and registration are now live for the 173rd Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas! **(April 16-19, 2026)** The host hotel is 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,

Just a reminder that your annual returns were due to the Grand Recorder' officie on January 15. Please get them submitted to me as quickly as you can along with copies of your 990 submission confirmation and minimum audit report. If you have any questions, please reach our to me directly.

173RD GALA - GRAND BANQUET



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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.

----- TEMPLAR TALES -----



Did you know there was a “Grand Master’s Curse?” When Jacques de Molay was burned at the stake in 1314, it is said he cursed both the king and the pope from the flames — and *both* died within a year.



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR



Sir Knights,

We are within the solemn season of Lent; a time where we are called to a time of reflection and repentance in the name of devotion. This sacred period reminds us to examine ourselves to lives of humility and service. Scripture guides us in this spirit: **“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10)**. May this Lenten season be for each of you a time of spiritual growth and deeper dedication to the principles we profess as Christian Knights.

On a personal note, I share this season with particular reverence. I am, very humbly, a devout Roman Catholic, with a family heritage tracing back to my immigrant great-grandparents from French Canada, and grandparents who were first-generation Americans. Yes, I know, you don't run into many Catholic Masons nowadays. However, the faith, sacrifice, and devotion of my family helped shape the values I hold today, and Lent has always been a meaningful time to remember that legacy while striving to grow in my own walk of faith.

It is my hope that the conversations of this newsletter continues to strengthen the bonds of our Commanderies across the jurisdiction, sharing encouragement, good works, and inspiration from throughout the state. May this holy season bring you reflection, renewal, and the abiding blessings of Christian knighthood.

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