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Sir Knights,

As April arrives, we are reminded of one of the most sacred and meaningful seasons in our Christian faith—Holy Week and Easter. This time calls us to reflect on sacrifice, renewal, and the triumph of light over darkness. May each of you find inspiration in these holy days and carry their message forward in both your personal lives and your service within our Order.

I would also like to remind everyone that our Grand Conclave will be held April 16–19. This promises to be a truly memorable gathering of Sir Knights from across Texas. Please be aware that the hotel reservation deadline is April 1, and registration will close on April 2. If you have not yet made your arrangements, I strongly encourage you to do so immediately.

We are especially excited about the 173rd Gala, which is shaping up to be an outstanding evening of fellowship, celebration, and camaraderie. It will be a highlight of the Conclave, and we are very much looking forward to sharing this special occasion with all of you.

As my term as Grand Commander draws to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for an incredible year. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the Grand Commandery of Texas. It has also been a great pleasure for both Lady Katie and myself to serve you this year. Your dedication, support, and commitment to our principles have made this journey both meaningful and rewarding.

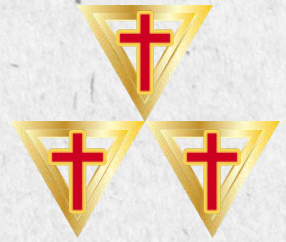
I look forward to seeing many of you at Conclave and celebrating all that we have accomplished together.

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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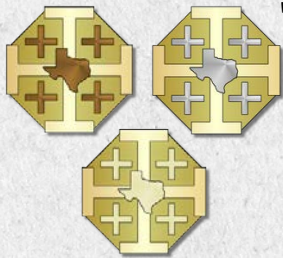
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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



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

Sir Knights,

It is remarkable how quickly a year can go by. I again find myself writing a final article of the term in an office I am incredibly grateful to have served. It has been a remarkable experience to be the Grand Prelate of Texas, and I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to do so. During this year, we started the Prayer Project in order for me to pray for Sir Knights and their loved ones. I am so proud of this project and hope it is continued going forward. Let us all be in prayer for each other in our daily lives. The power of prayer is undeniable and live changing.

As we enter into the holiest season of our faith, let us all reflect on the sacrifice our Savior made and each of us. He took our punishment of our sins upon Himself and gave us eternal life in exchange. Lyrics from the song *I Stand Amazed* always run through my mind this time of year:

“He took my sins and my sorrows. He made them His very own. He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. Oh, how marvelous, how wonderful, and my song will ever be. How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior’s love for me.”

Truly, we, as sinners, are in debt to Jesus. He paid the price on our behalf because of the love He has for each of us. It is my prayer that we all follow His example and offer love and forgiveness. Instead of a separate **Prayer and Action Challenge** this month, I encourage each Sir Knight to be prayer for each other and our loved ones and follow the actions of Jesus and His commandments: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)* As we close this year, let us be ever

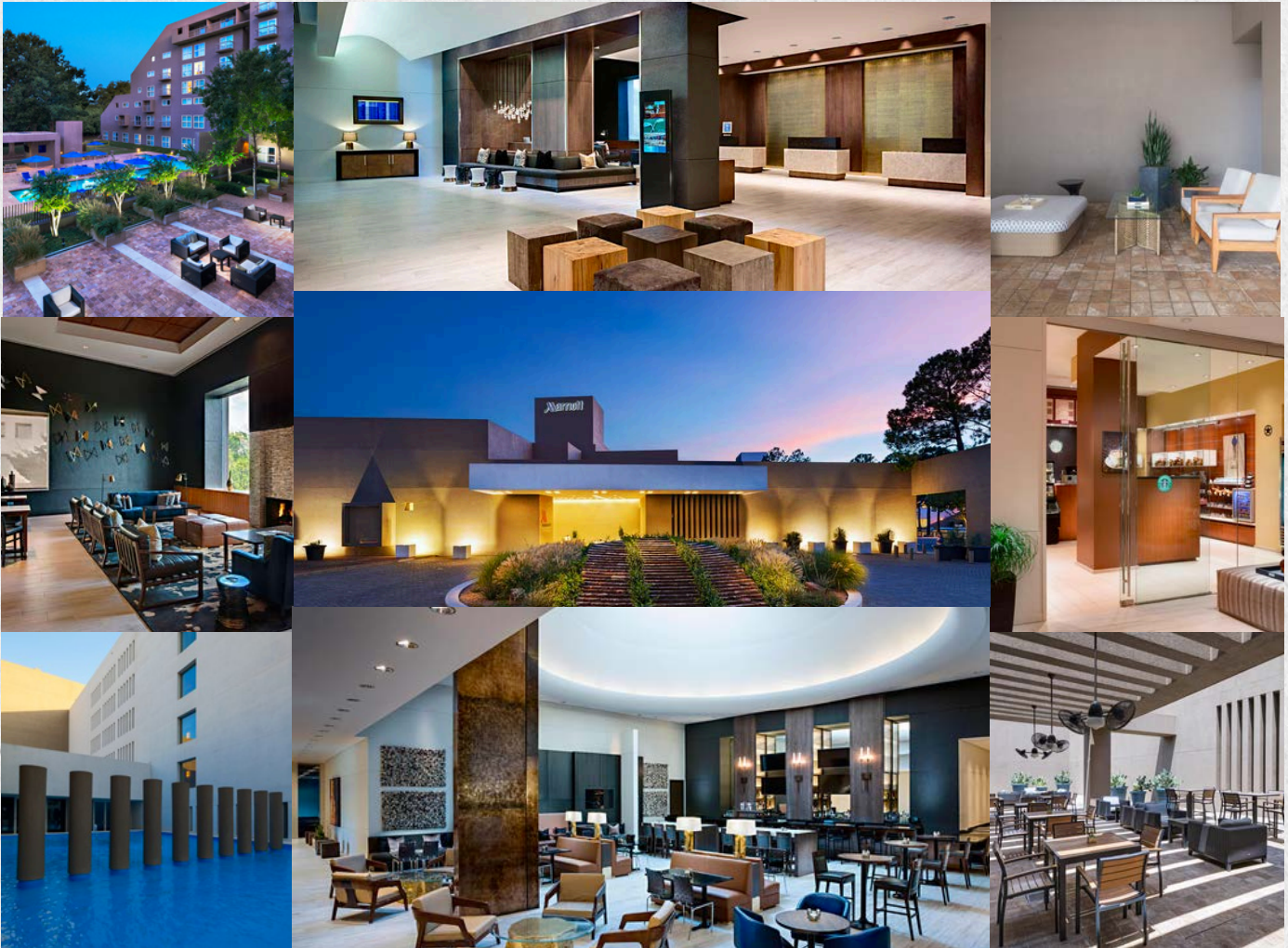
Please pray with me: **Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who gives us life each day and the pathway to salvation through the Messiah, Jesus. Let us, as your children, follow your commandments and continue to seek You in all that we do. Give us direction in our decisions, grace in our actions, and peace in our lives. May we ever strive to be closer to you in all our undertakings. Be with us in our journey through life and guide us. These things we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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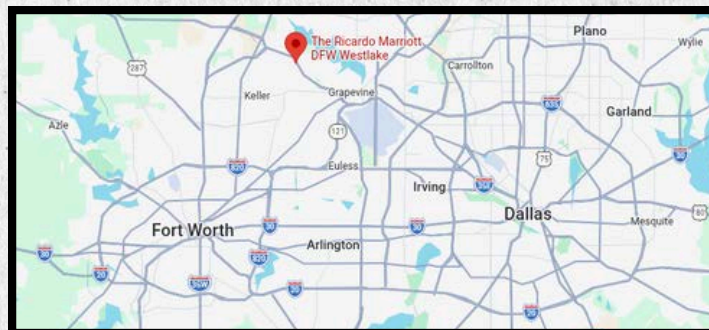
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173RD GRAND ANNUAL CONCLAVE



The 173rd Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas is this month! **(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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2026 RESOLUTION SYNOPSIS

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Resolutions



RESOLUTION No. 1:

Relocation of San Angelo Commandery No. 28 to Cross Plains Lodge.

(Joe Schriever)

RESOLUTION No. 2:

Assigns financial assistance determination for Drill Teams be assigned to the Committee on Triennial Conclave.

(Hunter Schappaugh)

RESOLUTION No. 3:

Amends Article 199 where drill team locations are based by county.

(Hunter Schappaugh)

RESOLUTION No. 4:

Relocation of Melrose Commandery No. 109 to Tomball Lodge.

(Clint Stevens, Paul Wunsche, Michael Shively, John Kleinfelder)

RESOLUTION No. 5:

Creation of the Committee on Business Administration.

(Jason Lesikar, Ricky Cox)

RESOLUTION No. 6:

Creation of the Committee on Civil Law.

(Jason Lesikar, Ricky Cox)

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. All contributors will be gifted a small token of appreciation from the editor.

Interested? Contact [The Editor](#) with your idea and help us bring the Light of Templary to life on the page.



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR



It's hard for me to believe that this edition concludes my third year as editor of *The Texas Templar*. Scripture reminds us, **“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)**, and I find that truth resonates perfectly with the spirit of this publication. Serving in this role truly is something I enjoy. It allows me to share the stories, achievements, and inspiration of Commanderies across Texas and to communicate with Grand Encampment monthly. Being a certified graphic designer turns this all into fun! The images, the color schemes, the artwork, all while getting to highlight successes, sharing ideas, and celebrating the work we all do to strengthen our purpose.

With Grand Commandery only two weeks away, it's exciting to reflect on the year past and look forward to the work ahead. And what better time of year to think of hope and prosperity than Holy Week? My hope is that this edition continues to embody the mission of communication and fellowship that binds us together, celebrating the achievements of our Order as we prepare to begin a new Templar year.

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