

# Templars of the Plains

A Monthly Publication of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas



## From the Grand Commander

Sir Knight Patrick C. Carr, KCT, CTC, Right Eminent Grand Commander

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



Sir Knights, as we start the 159<sup>th</sup> year of Templary in Kansas, I would like to thank each of you for your faith and confidence in electing me to serve as your Right Eminent Grand Commander. This is an honor which I do not take lightly, and I appreciate each of you for your support not only to me, but to our Grand Commandery. I pledge each of you my support and encouragement. I am always available for each of you, no matter the time or the place.

This will be an ambitious year for Templary here in Kansas. As you already know, there is still much work to be done, and I truly believe we have the right people gathered together, at the right time in our history, and in the right place to perform the work so important to the continued success and future of this Grand Commandery and of its Commanderies in Kansas.

We will be hosting a few special events this year. The Annual Templar Feast will be held at the Community Building in McPherson on August 15. We have a unique and wonderful speaker coming from New Jersey. Sir Knight Moises Gomez retired from the Port Authority and was in New York at ground zero on September 11, 2001. His presentation is nothing short of inspiring and I assure you it is very moving. The second event will be an outdoor knighting which will be held on August 22 at the Masonic Oak Tree Park near Little River. Not only will it be done outside, but under the moonlight, and there may be a few surprises. We have been planning this event for several years and I assure you that you will want to attend.

The Grand Commandery is here to serve our Commanderies. That is the only reason we exist. Our Inspectors will be making their official visits and ascertaining the health of our Commanderies during the year. This will enable the Grand Commandery to discover what opportunities each Commandery has for success and will provide a guide for how we can assist in providing support to our Commanderies. Each Commandery will be given the opportunity for an inspection of their ritual opening. You may either open in the Class A ten man opening, or in what some jurisdictions have termed the Class B opening. The Class B ritual will be available on the Secretary/Recorder area of our website for download and distribution. Please contact your Inspector and let him know when you want to stand for inspection so he can make his official visit. There will be an award for each of our Commanderies who stand for inspection. Sir Knights, our ritual is important, and as such, the short form opening will only be used in special circumstances and not for the regular monthly opening of your Commandery.

I will be attempting to make official visits this year to each of the Commanderies so I can speak with our Sir Knights about their concerns, their needs, and their opportunities to grow and to prosper.

May the love of Christ be continually felt by each of you.

May, 2026

Patrick C. Carr,

Right Eminent  
Grand Commander

2026-2027

# 2026 Grand Commandery Officers



The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas reconvened its 158th Grand Conclave at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 2, 2026, with a public opening session and the tiled meeting started at 9:00 AM. The 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Officers were installed by Sir Knight Robert Loflin, REPGC, Texas, and Past South Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. He was assisted by Sir Knight Lawrence Tucker, REPGC, Texas, and Grand Recorder of the GEKTUSA, and Past Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of Kansas

William Leonard, H. Wayne Rector, and Wayne Rollf. The list of 2026-2027 officers are:

<b>Grand Commander:</b>	Patrick C. Carr (Askelon No. 6)
<b>Deputy Grand Commander:</b>	Justin D. Crippen (Mt. Olivet No. 12)
<b>Grand Generalissimo:</b>	Delmus R. "Dale" Morrow (Askelon No. 6)
<b>Grand Captain General:</b>	Andrew G. Mosley (Askelon No. 6)
<b>Grand Senior Warden:</b>	Warren L. Hughes (Esdraelon No. 49)
<b>Grand Junior Warden:</b>	Kelly J. Long (Askelon No. 6)
<b>Grand Recorder:</b>	Allan D. Jackson (DeMolay No. 4)
<b>Grand Treasurer:</b>	T. Michael Fegan (Junction City No. 43)
<b>Grand Standard Bearer:</b>	Juanito J. Ernacio (Askelon No. 6)
<b>Grand Sword Bearer:</b>	Anthony J. "AJ" Pence (Topeka No. 5)
<b>Grand Warder:</b>	Thomas M. Krauss (Aleppo No. 31)
<b>Grand Prelate:</b>	Gary B. Strout (Leavenworth No. 1)
<b>Associate Grand Prelate:</b>	Philip J. Rowe (Junction City No. 43)
<b>Grand Musician:</b>	Dennis L. Reed (DeMolay No. 4)
<b>Grand Piper:</b>	Caleb J. Long (Askelon No. 6)
<b>Grand Sentinel:</b>	Mark W. Stephenson (Topeka No. 5)
<b>Assistant Grand Sentinel:</b>	William E. Koonce (Mt. Olivet No. 12)
<b>Grand Guard:</b>	Michael K. Colbary (Columbia No. 38)
<b>Grand Guard:</b>	Glenn O. Davis (Askelon No. 6)
<b>Grand Guard:</b>	Daniel E. Owens (Mt. Olivet No. 12)
<b>Inspector #1:</b>	Mark W. Stephenson (Leavenworth #1, DeMolay #4, Topeka #5)
<b>Inspector #2:</b>	Curtis A. Utley (St. Bernard #10, Montjoie #29, Esdraelon #49)
<b>Inspector #3:</b>	Michael K. Colbary (Aleppo #31, Columbia #38, Liberal #55)
<b>Inspector #4:</b>	Glenn O. Davis (Mt. Olivet #12, Winfield #15, Hiawatha #13)
<b>Inspector #5:</b>	Daniel E. Owens (Askelon #6, Junction City #43, Kingman #34)
<b>Aide de Camps:</b>	Wayne H. Rollf, H. Wayne Rector, Wayne D. Drake

## May Grand Commander's Schedule

The Grand Commander will be making his official visit to the following Commanderies:

Aleppo Commandery No. 31 Official Visit

May 31, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Russell, Kansas