

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

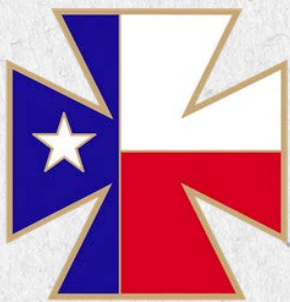
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The four presiding officers of York Rite Bodies in Texas (Beaumont)

Sir Knights,

We began this month the way every American should, celebrating the 250th birthday of our nation. What a fitting way to open a month so full of fraternal activity, and a reminder of the same spirit of duty and service that brought each of us into this Order.

July kept us on the road and in good company. I had the honor of attending San Felipe de Austin Commandery No. 1, followed by the York Rite Conference in Houston, where Companions and Sir Knights from across the state gathered to strengthen the bonds of our Rite. From there, it was on to the Schools of Instruction in Weatherford and in Seguin, where our officers and members put in the work to sharpen their ritual and keep our standards high.

The highlight of the month, without question, was attending DeMolay of Texas's Association Annual Meeting. Seeing the next generation of young men living out the same values we hold dear is a powerful reminder of why our support of DeMolay matters, and why we must keep investing in it.

It also has been great to see so many Commanderies out doing flag presentations during this Blue Lodge installation season. Thank you to all who have taken the time to bring Templary to your local lodges, it matters more than you know.

I also want to address an important matter of business: it is a requirement that every Commandery maintain 100% participation in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. A General Order on this topic will be forthcoming. Each Commander and Recorder is responsible for ensuring their Commandery is compliant.

Schools of Instruction remaining in August:

- District 1: Dallas Commandery, Saturday, August 1, 2026, 8:00 AM
- District 2: Tyler Commandery, Saturday, August 8, 2026, 9:00 AM
- District 5: Temple Commandery, Saturday, August 8, 2026, 8:30 AM

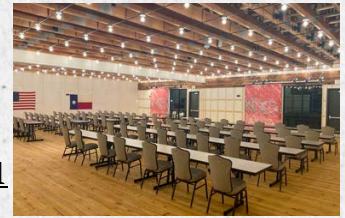
I encourage every Sir Knight who has not yet attended a School this year to make the drive. These schools are where we continue Making History together, one Commandery, one Companion, one Sir Knight at a time.

Gary E. Rock, Jr.
Grand Commander

SAVE THE DATE - 174TH GRAND ANNUAL CONCLAVE



Mark your calendars for **April 8-11, 2027** for the 174th Grand Annual Conclave which will be held at the Cotton Court Hotel in **Lubbock, TX!**
Located at **1610 Broadway St, Lubbock, TX 79401**



COLLEGE OF HONORS

At the 96th Texas DeMolay State Conclave, held in Beaumont, Texas, Right Eminent Lawrence E. Tucker, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and Past Grand Commander of Texas, presented SK Joe Jones with the Knight Commander of the Temple as well two Companions of the Temple, Mrs. Stephanie Jones and Ms. Lisa Flores for their contributions to Templary. There to assist with the presentations included Gary Rock, RE Grand Commander and Chance Chapman, RE Past Grand Commander.



Knight Commander of the Temple

SK Joe Jones, KCT



Companion of the Temple

Mrs. Stephanie Jones
Ms. Lisa Flores



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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



A MESSAGE FROM THE **EMINENT GRAND PRELATE** SK NIKOLAUS FEHRENBACH, KTCH

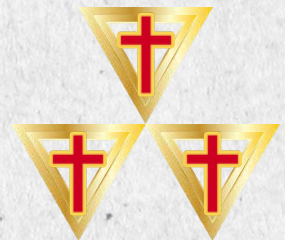
There are two books of the bible that begin with “in the beginning.” The first is the first book of the Old Testament, Genesis, and begins “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The book of John, the fourth book of the New Testament begins: “in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The difference between these two accounts is that Genesis begins with Creation and looks forward and John’s account begins with the Creation and looks back into eternity. What John is saying is that the world had a beginning, but the Word, which is God, has always existed. He existed before the beginning and will continue to exist when this world is done.

“There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.” (John 1 v6-8) We are all children of God, and he has sent us here with a purpose. As Knights Templar he has sent us to be witnesses to the light. Christian witness refers to the act of bearing testimony to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through words, actions, and lifestyle. We bear testimony of our faith not only by speaking of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, but also with our acts of kindness and true beneficence. We also bear witness by living a life befitting of a true Christian knight. Let us set an example in our home, our lodge and our community.

John witnessed the many miracles that Jesus performed, from changing water to wine to the raising of Lazareth. We have the scriptures and our faith. Within the Bible is truth and that is all we really need.

PRAYER PROJECT

The Eminent Grand Prelate has reinstated the Texas Prayer Project! Prayer requests may be sent in without name through our website or by clicking [here](#). The Grand Prelate 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.



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CONTINUED TEXAS PROGRAMS

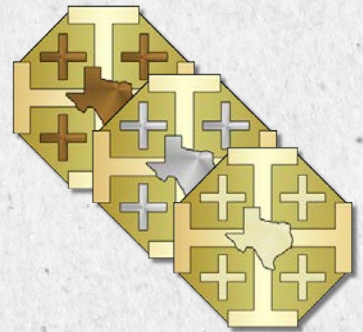
Permanent Endowment Fund

The [Permanent Endowment Fund](#) provides a long-term resource that supports the goals and efforts of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas. Your donation of \$250 for a white badge will help further the success of the Grand Commandery. For any additional \$150, a Diamond will be added to your badge. For the one-time payment of \$3,250, your badge comes adorned with red enamel and 20 diamonds. Your badge can be proudly worn on your Class A uniform above your left chest!



Texas Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation

The [Texas Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation](#) (THLPF) was established in 2024 to send clergy to the Holy Land. There are several ways you can contribute. Badges are awarded to donors who give \$250 (Bronze), \$500 (Silver), and \$1,000 (Gold). There are also neckties available for lower level donations. If you're interested, please reach out to a board member. Your badge can be proudly worn on your Class A uniform above your left chest!



Member Citation Cord Awards

Any Sir Knight who has been the first line signer for a total of three petitioners, who are either knighted or restored to membership since January 1, 2016, is eligible to receive the Member Citation Cord Award. There are various levels represented by different colors, to show your quantity of recruitment or restoration. The total is cumulative with no time boundaries. When [awarded](#) with a cord, it is to be worn on your left shoulder.



A.P.O.A.S. Commandery

A.P.O.A.S. Commandery is a traveling, history-focused, and educational Commandery that offers Sir Knights a unique and engaging experience rooted in Templar tradition and history. Membership is open to all Sir Knights in good standing.



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KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION



Our Grand Commander is a big supporter of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. He encourages everyone to explore the various donation programs the KTEF offer.

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. has a number of donation programs most with associated recognition programs. One of their primary contribution programs is the [Grand Master's Club](#). These are contributions of \$1,000 which can be accumulated over time. These accumulations are known as the Grand Commander's Club (\$100 each until \$1,000 is reached). Currently Grand Master's Club donors receive a plaque and a lapel pin.

The Crusader's Cross comes in 5 levels, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000 and \$5,000 or above. The \$1,000 level has the single, larger cross in the center. Each additional \$1,000 is identified with an additional small cross in a quadrant until at \$5,000 or above all four quadrants are occupied to complete the emblem known as the Crusader's Cross. There are 25 total variations. Recipients of The Crusader's Cross may wear it on the right side of the class "A" uniform.



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR



Sir Knights,

Serving as one of the State Officer Advisors for the Masonic Youth groups, I often remember the words found in Proverbs 27:17: "***Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.***" The strength of our fraternity is found in the friendships and families we build.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Joe and Stephanie Jones as well as Lisa Flores on the well-deserved honors they have recently received. Joe and Steph have always been much more than friends; they have been like another set of parents to me. I am truly grateful for them and am so happy to see these three be recognized for their efforts and service in many roles in Masonry!

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