

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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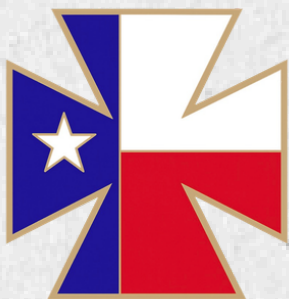


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August has proven to be one of the most active and productive months in recent memory for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas — and that is no accident. From the very beginning of this term, the charge has been clear: we are Making History. The Sir Knights of Texas are answering that call, and the results speak for themselves.

Schools of Instruction: This month saw strong attendance at the Dallas, Temple, and Tyler Schools of Instruction. Our Grand Officers performed excellently, and the enthusiasm shown by the Sir Knights in attendance is a testament to the commitment this jurisdiction has to excellence in the Work. The turnout we are witnessing across these schools is not just encouraging — it is a reflection of a jurisdiction that is truly Making History. I am proud of every Sir Knight who showed up, and I encourage all Commanderies to continue prioritizing these important events.

Make-Up School of Instruction: Our Deputy Grand Commander will also be offering a make-up School of Instruction for those who were unable to attend. The school will be held on September 12, with registration beginning at 8:00 AM and concluding by 1:00 PM. It will take place at Kendall Lodge No. 897, located at 897 E. Blanco Rd., Boerne, Texas. Please RSVP to Ralph Royall at rroyall@reagan.com. Please make every effort to attend if you have not yet fulfilled your school requirement.

Grand Officers Mid-Year Planning Session: August also brought our annual mid-year planning session, where your Grand Officers gathered to address the business and direction of the Grand Commandery. Several important topics were on the agenda this year. We identified and addressed an issue with the online Law Book, which had not been fully accurate, and steps are being taken to correct that. We also tackled a long-standing gap in our Grand Conclave proceedings, which have been incomplete for some time. We are pleased to report that a method has been identified to transcribe electronic audio recordings, giving us a solid foundation from which to rebuild those proceedings from previous years — a meaningful step forward for the historical record of this Grand Commandery.

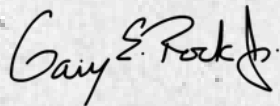
GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE CONT.

174th Grand Conclave — Lubbock, Texas | April 8–11, 2027: Planning is well underway for the 174th Grand Conclave, which will be held in Lubbock, Texas, April 8–11, 2027. Our Grand Officers had the opportunity to experience the Cotton Court Hotel, the host venue, firsthand — and I can say with confidence that it is a fantastic setting that the Sir Knights of Texas are going to enjoy. More details will follow in the coming months, but please mark your calendars now. Reminder: Keep an eye out for details on the Grand Commander's Hospitality Suite Contest and the new E Class Drill Team — more information on both will be forthcoming.

Outdoor Order of the Temple — Lake Godstone, Jacksboro | October 23–25: One of the most anticipated events on the calendar is just around the corner. The Outdoor Order of the Temple will be held at Lake Godstone in Jacksboro, Texas, over the weekend of October 23–25. Sir Knights and their families are encouraged to arrive Friday evening for fellowship. Saturday evening will feature the Order of the Temple, with departure on Sunday morning. This is a truly special event — one that combines the beauty of the Texas outdoors with the solemnity and brotherhood that define who we are as Knights Templar. I hope to see a strong turnout from across the jurisdiction. Events like this one are exactly what Making History looks like in action.

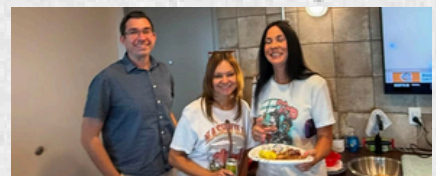
As always, it is my honor to serve as your Grand Commander. The energy, attendance, and dedication I see from Sir Knights across this jurisdiction gives me great confidence in the future of Knights Templar in Texas. We are not simply maintaining what has been built — we are Making History, together.

Onward,



Gary E. Rock, Jr.
Grand Commander

GRAND COMMANDERY MID-YEAR



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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**



RECORDER'S DESK



A MESSAGE FROM THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER SK RONNIE WILSON, PGC, KCT

The Grand Commandery of Texas is proud to recognize the following students for receiving scholarships from our Educational Foundations for the Fall 2026 Semester. The scholarship application can be found on the Grand Commandery of Texas website.

Alvarez, Olivia
Britt, Kynadi
Canales, Kennedee
Droege, Brock
Fultz, Logan
Goerig, Maycee
Guerra, Kourtnie
Hankinson, Bethany
Hartfield, Riley
Hale, Gretchen
Horn, Zayley
Hullett, Quinn

Jackson, Emily
Markle, Miranda
McClure, Katherine
Munden, Kennedy
Naizer, Caden
Prather, Mattie
Riles, Brady
Salazar, Aaron
Smith, Jackson
Ste Marie, Timberlin
Stevens, Callie
Pautsky-Houston, Brianna



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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



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

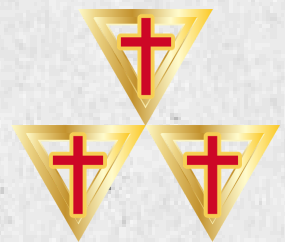
In the Acts of the Apostles we learn of the first apostolic miracle when the lame man is healed. The man, lame from birth, was at the gates to the temple seeking alms from those who entered. Peter said to the man “silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk, and he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength (Acts 3:6-7). When the people turned to Peter, he did not take credit for the miracle, but proclaimed “The God of Abraham, and Isac, and of Jacob, the God of your fathers hath glorified the Son Jesus...and his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong” (Acts 3:13-16). In Acts 9:36-42, Tabitha, a faithful disciple in Joppa is restored to life by the power of prayer.

The miracles chronicled in the Acts of the Apostles are not performed by the apostles, but through the power of prayer. We should always remember the power of prayer. Although the days of great miracles are gone, God still hears and answers our prayers. We should remember to pray often. We pray to praise God and to ask for that which we truly need. What we “need” is not wealth and power, but faith, guidance and comfort. Ask God to help strengthen your faith and your prayers will be answered. Pray for guidance to do Gods work and your prayer will be answered provided you are open to receiving the guidance he gives. Pray for comfort for those who grieve or are troubled. And the Holy Spirit will give them peace.

Remember also when your prayers are answered, do not take credit, but give all credit to God. Thank God for the gifts he gives and give praise for all you receive.

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

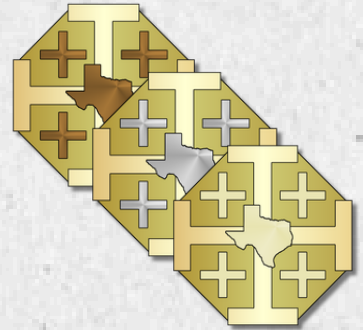
Permanent Endowment Fund

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,

As we continue another year of service within the Grand Commandery of Texas, I am reminded that our work is ultimately about more than titles, meetings, or ceremonies. It is about serving our Fraternity, our communities, and one another with faith, integrity, and a willing heart.

As you read this issue of The Texas Templar, I hope you will be encouraged by the work being done across our Commanderies and inspired to remain active in the great work to which we have been called.

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing."— Psalm 100:2

May we continue to serve with gladness, lead with purpose, and carry the principles of Christian Knighthood wherever our travels may take us.

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