

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

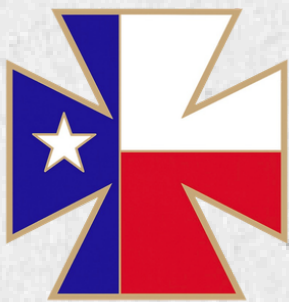
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Texas Delegation at South Central Department Conference - Little Rock, AR

Sir Knights,

September was another busy and productive month for the Grand Commandery of Texas, and I'm proud of the work being done across our jurisdiction. Our Deputy Grand Commander, Ralph Royall, conducted a make-up School of Instruction for those who were unable to attend earlier sessions. My thanks to Sir Knight Royall for his time and dedication in making sure every Commandery has the tools it needs to succeed. Several Commanderies have already stood inspection, and the early reports are encouraging. The effort you are putting into your ritual, drill, and records is evident, and it reflects well on all of Texas Templary.

Your Grand Officers also traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas, for the South Central Department Conference. These gatherings are a valuable opportunity to share ideas with our fellow Grand Commanderies, strengthen the bonds between jurisdictions, and bring home fresh approaches that benefit our own Commanderies.

I also had the privilege of representing Texas at the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant, joined by several of our officers and Sir Knights. The ladies of the Beauceant have long stood beside our Order in support and friendship, and it was a pleasure to show them that the Sir Knights of Texas value that partnership.

Earlier in the month, a large contingent of Sir Knights gathered for the services of Sir Knight Richard England Schlaudroff. It was a moving tribute to a man who meant a great deal to so many, and the turnout spoke volumes about the brotherhood we share. It was an honor for our Grand Prelate, Nikolaus Fehrenbach, and me to take part in his send-off. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Looking ahead, the Outdoor Order of the Temple is fast approaching, the weekend of October 23-25 at Lake Godstone in Jacksboro. The Order of the Temple will be conferred on the evening of Saturday the 24th. This is one of the most memorable settings in which a Sir Knight can receive the Order, and it is always a highlight of the Templar year. Bring a candidate, bring your family, and plan on coming out for a great weekend of fellowship, good food, and a little Templar fun. As we continue our year of Making History, events like this are exactly how we build memories and momentum for our Order.

Finally, good luck to each of you as you prepare for and stand inspection. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and I look forward to seeing the fruits of it throughout the year.

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**



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.

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PRELATE'S APARTMENT



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

In Jesus Christ, our guilt does not have the final word, our suffering does not mean we are abandoned, and nothing can separate us from God's love. Many people come to church and sing with confidence while struggling with shame. They may encourage others while wondering whether God has forgotten them. They quietly wonder "can God forgive what I have done?" or "Will God still love me after everything I have been through?"

Romans 8 speaks directly to those fears. It begins with no condemnation and ends with no separation. Between those promises, Paul does not pretend that life is easy. He speaks about suffering, weakness, waiting and groaning. Yet though it all, he points us to the faithfulness of God.

Paul begins "Therefore there is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" Paul does not say there will be no condemnation once you have repaired every mistake, overcome every weakness, or proved that you deserve another chance. He says there is no condemnation now for those who are in Christ Jesus. That does not mean sin is unimportant. The cross shows us how serious sin is. But the cross also shows us how deeply God loves sinners.

What we could not accomplish through our own strength, God accomplished through his Son. Jesus did not come merely to offer advice to guilty people. He came to save them. Some of us keep reopening a case that Christ has already settled. We confess a sin, yet continue living as though forgiveness could not possibly include us. There may still be consequences to face. There may be apologies to make and trust to rebuild. Grace does not remove our responsibility. But responsibility is not the same as condemnation.

In Christ, you can face what you have done without believing it is all you will ever be. And this grace leads us into a new way of living. Paul speaks of walking according to the Spirit. We do not obey to persuade God to love us; in Christ, we have been loved.

Paul goes on to ask, "if God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31) This does not mean nobody will oppose us. Paul himself experienced persecution, imprisonment and hardship. It means that no opposition can overturn God's saving purpose. Paul asks whether trouble, persecution, hunger, danger, or the sword can separate believers from Christ's love. The answer is no. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37)

Christian victory is not a promise that we will never weep. It is the assurance that even suffering cannot destroy our belonging to Christ. Our confidence is not in the strength of our grip on God, but in the faithfulness of the God who holds us. Paul concludes that neither death nor life, neither present troubles nor things to come, nor anything else in creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Your future may be unknown to you, it is not beyond his love. Bring your guilt to Christ instead of hiding it. Bring your weakness to God instead of pretending to be strong. Take the next faithful step, not to earn his love, but because his love gives you courage.

Romans 8 does not promise an easy road. It promises that those who belong to Jesus do not walk that road condemned or abandoned. That is our hope today and our confidence for tomorrow.

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CONTINUED TEXAS PROGRAMS

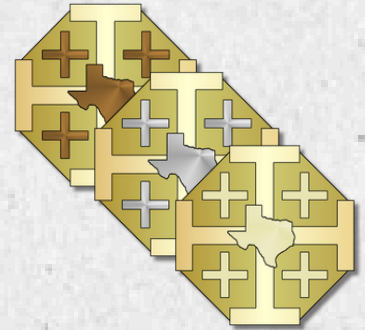
Permanent Endowment Fund

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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LUBBOCK COMMANDERY NO. 60
PROUDLY HOSTS

OUTDOOR ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

OCTOBER 23-25, 2026

**LAKE GODSTONE
JACKSBORO, TEXAS**

4636 HALSELL RANCH ROAD
JACKSBORO, TX 76458



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

**OPENING
OF THE CAMP**

FELLOWSHIP. FOOD.
FUN UNDER THE STARS.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

**OUTDOOR BANQUET
& ORDER OF THE TEMPLE**

CEREMONY BEGINS
AROUND 7:30PM



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

**FAREWELL &
DEPARTURE**

LEAVE AROUND 11:00AM



**MAKING
HISTORY**

SCAN TO REGISTER



SECURE YOUR SPOT!

ONE FAITH • ONE ORDER • ONE BOND
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR – IN HOC SIGNO VINCES

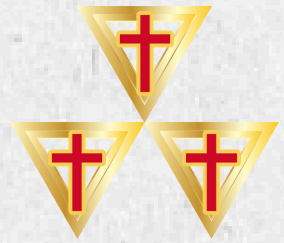
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PRAYER PROJECT

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.



NOAH'S ARK DISCOVERY?

Recent scientific research is underway at the Durupınar Formation in eastern Türkiye just south of Mount Ararat. Researchers are using ground-penetrating radar, geological surveys, and core drilling to investigate the unusual boat-shaped formation and determine whether it is a natural geological feature or could contain evidence connected to the biblical account of Noah's Ark. The latest research has produced intriguing findings that are now being analyzed including high levels of organic material (fossilized wood).



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EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR



Sir Knights,

We are entering into inspection season across Texas. As we know, inspection is more than a review of ritual performance. It is also a chance to examine ourselves and how faithfully we are fulfilling our responsibilities. Scripture reminds us, “**Let every man prove his own work**” (Galatians 6:4). These words seem especially fitting as we prepare our Commanderies and ourselves for the year ahead.

I hope this inspection season is not seen as a requirement, but also an opportunity to strengthen our Commanderies, share knowledge, and encourage one another in the work of Christian knighthood. I look forward to seeing the good work taking place throughout Texas so we can showcase the content, here in “The Texas Templar!”

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