

**The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas**  
**Office of the Grand Commander**  
**Nederland, Texas**  
**June 30, 2023**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 7, SERIES 2023-2024**

Subject: Patriotic Observance Message

Sir Knights,

This time of year is special for all of us. Not because school is out for the summer. Not because of the summer vacations we have planned. Not because of the extra daylight we receive. It is because we celebrate, and remember, the moment our country was founded. The signing of the Declaration of Independence changed the world, and we should be forever grateful.

The men who founded this country, a country based on freedom, were signing their own death warrant should they, and the United States of America, fail. They knew the price that would be paid. Yet, it was a price worth paying to win the freedoms we now enjoy. We live in the best country the world has ever known because of their commitments. We honor the self-sacrifice and devotion of those who have paved the way for us today.

Pause for a moment during this time and reflect on this. Remember the men and women who played vital roles for the founding of our beloved USA.

Celebrate with your family, friends, and neighbors. Enjoy this special time of year when we recognize that we are truly one nation under God and strive to be the shining example in your daily lives of the patriotic virtues that unites us all.

This General Order is to be read aloud at the next Stated Conclave following its receipt, and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.

Fraternally,



T. Chance Chapman  
Grand Commander

Attest:



Ronnie W. Wilson  
Grand Recorder

