

THE TEXAS TEMPLAR

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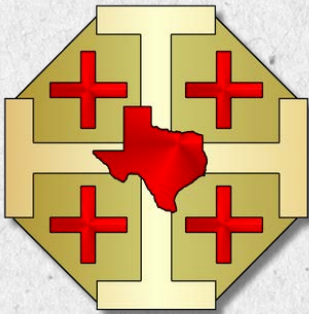


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Honor guard for the installation of M.: W.: Reader accompanied by M.: E.: Kussman.
Sir Knights,

I hope each of you safely traversed the icy and snowy roads in January. For the first time in memory, we experienced wintry conditions in South Texas, but not in the north. As we move into February, I hope each of you safely returned from and recovered from our Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

When I think of February, I think of Valentine's Day. It certainly helps when I see the colors red, pink, and white in every store I enter. While we commonly think of Valentine's Day as a "day of love" or a time to celebrate the love we share with our spouses or girlfriends, I would like you to think about Valentine's Day in a different way. Saint Valentine's Day originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine. Saint Valentine was a 3rd-century Roman saint who ministered to persecuted Christians. His skull, crowned with flowers, is exhibited in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Rome. Other relics of him are in Madrid, entrusted to the Order of Poor Clerics Regular, an order to help people in need.

It is the care and love Saint Valentine showed to persecuted Christians that I hope you will think about. Let us be reminded this February of the love we share with each other, our friends, and our neighbors. And, most importantly, may you experience the love of our blessed redeemer, our lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Forever in your service and In His Name,

Justin C. Bauer
Grand Commander

172ND ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE



Join us for the 172nd Annual Grand Conclave

April 10, 2025 - April 13, 2025

Embassy Suites by Hilton Grapevine DFW Airport North
2401 Bass Pro Dr, Grapevine, TX 76051, USA

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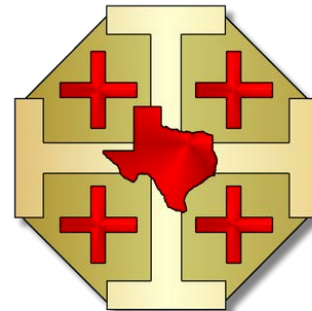
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event Class
Thu, 04/10/25	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration
Thu, 04/10/25	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Ritual Committee Meeting
Fri, 04/11/25	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration
Fri, 04/11/25	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Business Session
Fri, 04/11/25	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Ladies Lunch
Fri, 04/11/25	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Officers Lunch
Fri, 04/11/25	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Knights Preceptor Meeting
Fri, 04/11/25	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	PGC Dinner
Fri, 04/11/25	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Past Commander Dinner
Fri, 04/11/25	9:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Drill Team Meeting
Sat, 04/12/25	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Drill Practice
Sat, 04/12/25	8:00 AM - 11:59 PM	Office
Sat, 04/12/25	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Social Order of the Beauceant Lunch
Sat, 04/12/25	1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Ritual Competition
Sat, 04/12/25	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	KTCH Meeting
Sat, 04/12/25	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Awards Dinner
Sun, 04/13/25	6:45 AM - 8:00 AM	KTCH Breakfast
Sun, 04/13/25	6:45 AM - 8:00 AM	Strawberry Breakfast
Sun, 04/13/25	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Church Service
Sun, 04/13/25	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Installation of Officers-Divine Svc

MEAL OPTIONS

Friday Boxed Lunch	\$35
Ladies' Luncheon	\$35
PGC Ladies' Dinner	\$70
PGC Dinner	\$70
<u>S.O.O.B. Luncheon</u>	\$35
Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar	\$45
Dinner	\$75
KTCH Breakfast	\$45

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SOOB LUNCHEON @ GRAND CONCLAVE



Run for the Roses



*Put on your best dress, grab your hat, and
join us for a*
Kentucky Derby SOOB luncheon!

(red, black and white is not required)

You do not have to be a Beauceant member to attend. **All ladies are welcome!**

Post Time: Saturday, April 12 at 12noon

Track Location: Embassy Suites
2401 Bass Pro Dr.
Grapevine TX 76051
Cross Timbers 1&2

Feed: Italian

Bets: \$35 per ticket

Registration: Tickets are available to purchase NOW on Eventbrite only!
Registration ends April 3rd

Commandery website will direct you to the Eventbrite link:

<https://yorkritetexas.org/commandery/>

Direct Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/172nd-grand-conclave-registration-1126258572709?aff=oddtcreator>

Come prepared to **Win, Place, Show**...as there will be a
hat contest with prizes!

Tickets: Will be available for pickup at Grand Commandery registration desk.

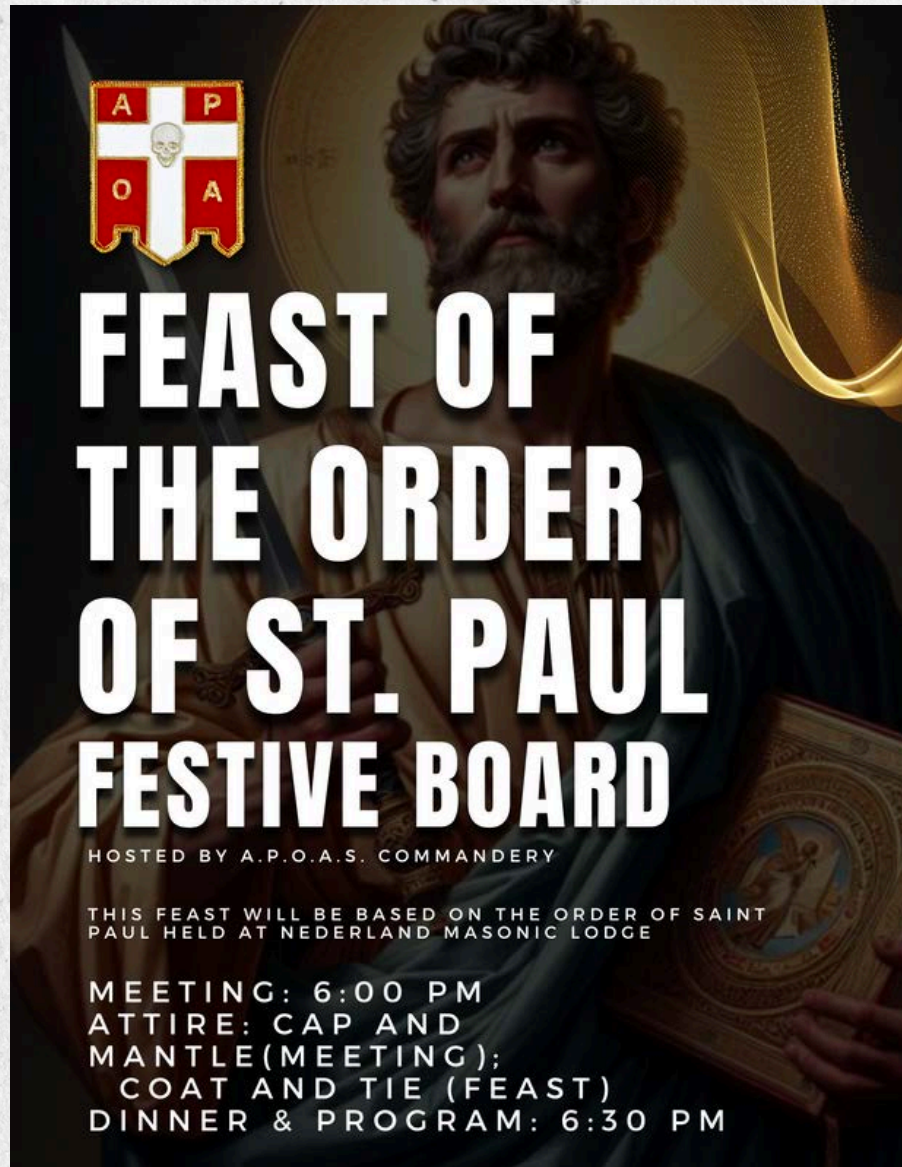
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A.P.O.A.S. COMMANDERY FESTIVE BOARD



The next meeting of A.P.O.A.S. Commandery No. 1314 will be held at Nederland Masonic Lodge, 1304 N. 27th Street Nederland, TX 77627, on February 28, 2025. Cap and Mantle will be the uniform for the meeting (plenty available onsite if you don't have one). Opening will begin at 6:00 pm. Following the meeting, a Festive Board will be held with Prime Rib, Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Veggies, salad, rolls, and dessert for the menu. Tickets are \$50 with a limited amount available and can be ordered [here](#). Open to all Sir Knights in Good Standing! Join us for a weekend of Chivalric fun with the Outdoor Order of the Temple the next day!

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3RD ANNUAL OUTDOOR ORDER OF THE TEMPLE



There is no host hotel for this event, however recommendations can be provided upon inquiry. The event will start at 5:30 pm with sunset scheduled roughly around 6:15 pm. A meal will be provided for at Nederland Lodge following the conferral. Attendees will need their dues cards and are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair. Some seating will be provided.

Please let [Chance Chapman, REPGC](#) know for any inquiries.

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PRELATE'S CORNER



A MESSAGE FROM THE EMINENT GRAND PRELATE SK BRAD BILLINGS, KCT

Sir Knights,

So far this year, we have focused on the individual's journey through life—his trials, blessings, and beliefs. Now, we pause to consider man's relationship with the world around him.

In the Monitor, under the section related to the **Beehive**, we find one of the best descriptions of man's place in the world:

"It might have pleased the great Creator of heaven and earth to have made man independent of all other beings; but, as dependence is one of the strongest bonds of society, mankind were made dependent upon each other for protection and security, as they thereby enjoy better opportunities of fulfilling the duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Thus, was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God; and he that will so demean himself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding may be deemed a drone in the hive of nature, a useless member of society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons."

Man can achieve much on his own, but if he wishes to reach his highest potential, he must work within the structure of society. As Christians, we see this exemplified in the way Christ established the Church—first with the Disciples, who were there to learn, and most of whom became the Apostles (save Judas, replaced by Matthias), who were sent forth to spread the Word. Here, we see what may be one of the most enduring examples of how men, bonded by a common purpose, can achieve lasting results that withstand the test of time. This leaves us with a Divine example of how to maximize our efforts while here on Earth: quite simply, find others of like purpose and build together.

As Masons and Knights Templar, we see this principle applied to our lives through the great structure of Freemasonry, the greatest fraternity the world has ever known. We are truly the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. What can we not accomplish if we learn to work together?

It is important to remember—especially in today's society and the current public climate—that we do not necessarily have to be entirely like-minded as long as we remain focused on attaining the same goal. We may each have our own vision for the path to achieving what we strive for, but if we are rowing in the same general direction, let us row together.

Along the way, there will be disagreements. Yet, as we have all already affirmed that we will entertain no ill will toward one of our own if we can find in them a corresponding disposition, we should always look to reconcile our differences. If nothing else, let us continue to pursue our combined paths for the greater good of the Order. Please pray with me.

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of Masonic labor and the opportunity to work together. We ask for Your presence in all that we do, guiding our hands, minds, and hearts toward unity and purpose. Help us to set aside differences and work as one, respecting and uplifting each other. Let our efforts be fruitful, bringing not only success to our Order but honor to Your holy name. May we encourage one another, bearing one another's burdens, and striving always for the greater good. Bless the work of our hands, Lord, and may all that we do bring glory to You.

*In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.*

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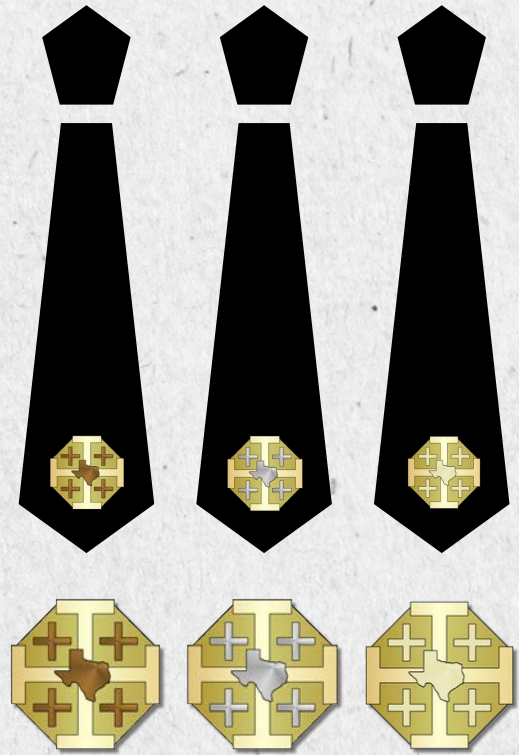
THLPF UPDATE

The [Texas Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation \(THLPF\)](http://WWW.YORKRITETEXAS.ORG/COMMANDERY/) has a mission of sending clergy to the Holy Land. The first year of the foundation has been a tremendous success so far, and with your help we can close it out strong!

We have several ways to show your support:

Bronze THLPF tie	\$50
Silver THLPF tie	\$100
Gold THLPF tie	\$150
Bronze THLPF badge	\$250
Silver THLPF badge	\$500
Gold THLPF badge	\$1,000

All of which can be worn with or on a Class A Uniform.



INDIAN TERRITORY PGC BUCKLE SHOWCASING THE ANTIQUITIES OF TEMPLARY



Zachary Taylor (Z.T.) Walrond served as the 7th out for 17 Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of the Indian Territory. Her served in 1901. His Past Grand Commander Buckle is seen here where his name and hometown are engraved on the back. Walrond was born in 1847. Professionally, he was elected a member of the Kansas Legislature in 1886, later to be appointed United States District Attorney for the Indian Territory by President Harrison in 1889.

His full biography can be found [here](#).

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\$5.00 ea



Tie Bar
\$5.00 ea



Cufflinks
\$15.00 a set



Belt Buckle
\$30.00 ea



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II



Sir Knights,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Grand Annual Communication a few weeks ago. Many of you stopped and expressed your compliments for this product, and I thank you all most warmly.

We are truly counting down the few remaining weeks of R.: E.: Bauer's term, where we will be able to rejoice in the ability to congregate, yet again, at the Grand Conclave in joy and fellowship. I am very humbled to have been recently added to his planning team. I look forward to seeing as many of you in Grapevine as possible!

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