

## **Grand Commandery Response to Governor Abbott's Action Removing All State-mandated COVID-19 Restrictions**

Sir Knights, many of you have likely heard by now about Governor Abbott's impending removal of all state-mandated health and safety measures for battling the Coronavirus pandemic. As this action is contrary to all credible medical and data-based information and guidance, and with the support of Grand Encampment, I will reiterate that **all commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Texas will remain under the directives of Texas General Order #7 until further notice.**

I again implore all Sir Knights to follow the path of Jesus, treating others as you would have them treat you and your loved ones, and show consideration to all those around you by continuing to wear masks, minimize physical closeness and contact unless absolutely necessary, and to use common sense in our fight against the Coronavirus. Only by doing these things and getting vaccinated, will we be enabled to beat this pandemic into submission, instead of the other way around. Our duty as Knights Templar is to lead by example, and to show the world that we care about them by offering what protection we can. We will accomplish this by proving there is strength in unity, as a team. God bless you all, Sir Knights. In His Service,

Gary Freedman, Grand Commander