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Roger Walls, REGC 2021-2022



Knightings are coming!

Sir Patrick C. Carr, Grand Warder, 2021-2022

Sir Knights, there is a lot happening for the Knights Templar of Kansas. This is the first of a new format for the Knights Templar Magazine insert which will be published monthly on the app for the Grand Encampment. Please be sure to send any items you have of interest, including events happening in your Commandery, articles of interest and research papers and we will endeavor to have them

published in our new insert.

There will be a Spring Commandery Festival on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Newton Masonic Lodge. We are hoping for a large crowd of new Sir Knights as well as those who have been knighted previously. Please be in attendance and enjoy witnessing the three Orders being conferred in full form by our Sir Knights from Texas. This is sure to be a historic event for Knight Templars in Kansas and one you will not want to miss.

154th Annual Conclave

The 154th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022 at the Hotel Topeka at City Center. The schedule will be:

6:30 AM	Past Grand Commanders Wives Breakfast
6:30 AM	KYCH Breakfast (Members Only)
7:30 AM	Registration Opens
8:30 AM	Grand Commandery Open Meeting
10:30 AM	154th Annual Conclave Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas (closed meeting)
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own
1:30 PM	Pictures of Grand Commandery 2022-2023 Officers
2:00 PM	Installation of 2022-2023 Grand Commandery Officers
3:30 PM	2022-2023 Gr. Commandery Officers Meeting (officers only)
4:00 PM	Kansas York Rite College
6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Awards Banquet (Reservation Required)

From the Deputy

Sir Knight Robert D. McClarty, VE Deputy Grand Commander, 2021-2022

I am looking forward to completing the 2021 -2022 York Rite Year with an incredible Session, planned for Topeka, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka, May 4-7, 2022. It is my hope you plan to attend and will be in Topeka, honoring our Craft and enjoying York Rite fellowship with one another.

In a post Covid world, with a resurgence in Masonry and Templary in Kansas, I encourage every Sir Knight to embrace their Masonic values and Knightly virtues that we all know so very well. Put God, Family, and your vocation first... while practicing Faith, Courage, Charity, Justice, Mercy, Generosity, Nobility and Hope! Be the example to your family, friends, co-workers, and community.

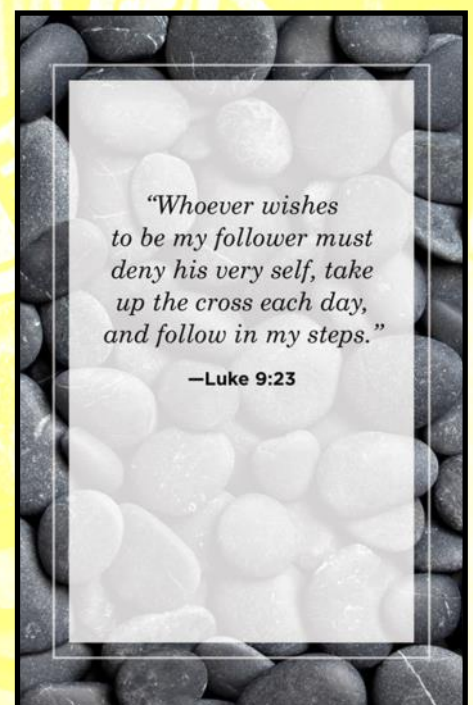
I encourage you to have Faith and ask for our Lord and Savior's continued Blessings for you, your family, for your Lodge and Commandery, and for our State, our Nation, and the world we live in today! Keep all in your prayers! Our world may be in turmoil, yet there are Blessings around us every day... it takes effort sometimes to recognize those Blessings, but they are there, find them! Have Hope and Courage to manage your daily affairs in a Knightly manner. Trust there will be Justice, while living honorably, holding your family close, while giving charitably, and being an example to all. Recognize you make a difference in your home, family, vocation, and in your Lodge and in all Masonry! Your Christian values make our world a better place ~ live well!

The Prelate's Pen

Sir Knight Daron Woelk, Grand Prelate, 2021-2022

The Lenten season is inspired by the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his own sacrifice. During that 40 days, many people will give up something they love like chocolate, alcohol or a favorite food and many also abstain from eating meat other than fish on Fridays. But others like to spend the time reflecting and praying about something important to them, thinking about how they can become better or more prayerful people or how they can share Jesus' love with the world.

How can you become a better person, Christian, or Knight Templar during this holy time? There is no right or wrong answer, but remember each day, Sir Knights, we take up our crosses and follow Jesus.



*"Whoever wishes
to be my follower must
deny his very self, take
up the cross each day,
and follow in my steps."*

—Luke 9:23