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To: All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers, All Past Grand Commanders, Honorary Past Grand Commanders, Past Eminent Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Commandery Line Officers, and Sir Knights All.

From: Hon. David Goffney Jr.  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Date: June 27, 2026

**Subject: 2026 Mid-Templar Session Call to Special Conclave**

**ATTENTION SIR KNIGHTS:**

By the authority vested in the office of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and in accordance with the Constitution of The Lone Star Grand Commandery of Texas, Article VIII, Section 4, I, David Goffney Jr., hereby Call the Lone Star Grand Commandery of Texas into its 2026 Mid-Templar Session for degree work on Friday night, September 25, 2026 and Special Session on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the Grand Masonic Temple, located at 3433 M.L.K. Freeway, Ft. Worth, Texas.

**REGISTRATION NOTICE: All registration for the 2026 Mid-Templar Session must be completed through the Lone Star Commandery website ONLY.** No other method of registration will be accepted. Visit [www.lsgctx.org](http://www.lsgctx.org) to register. There will be NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

**The headquarters hotels is:**

Hampton Inn & Suites Fort Worth/Forest Hill  
6555 Park Brook

Forest Hill, Texas 76140

(817) 551-7775

Rooms are reserved under.

**Lone Star Grand Guild PHA**

A Double Bed is \$179+tax.

A King Suite is \$179+tax.

This is a Non-smoking hotel!

Reservation cut-off Friday, September 4, 2026

**I recommend reserving your room prior to August 14, 2026, to ensure the rate. Rooms are listed under “Lone Star Grand Guild PHA.”**

I am asking each Commandery to bring a minimum of 2 candidates to be dubbed Sir Knights of the Order by the Grand Commandery Order Conferral Team. The candidates will be required to register for the Mid-Templar Session. They are to report to the Eminent Grand Lecturer in “The Chamber of Reflection” at 5:45 p.m. An occasional Commandery will open promptly at 6:00 p.m. Ritualistic work will be conducted by the members of the Order Conferral Team and will begin at 6:30 p.m. The dress for Fridays evening is Casual Templar Dress which is Templar Polo or Dickie shirt (no shorts).

All candidates for the Past Eminent Commander Degree will meet with the President of the Conclave of Past Eminent Commanders on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the degree will be conferred beginning at 4:15 pm. Please ensure that the proper fee is paid prior to degree conferral, which is \$100.00 payable to the Lone Star Grand Commandery. Candidates for the Past Eminent Commander’s Degree may dress casually for the evening, which is Templar Polo or Dickie shirt (no shorts).

The 2026 Mid-Templar Special Session will officially convene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the Grand Masonic Temple to transact business that requires the attention of the Grand Commandery. **Full Templar Dress will be required for this session, for those who have the official summer uniform it can be worn.** Afterwards, the Grand Commandery will be called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of training, workshops, and other presentations on topics of importance. The lunch that the Lone Star Grand Guild provides is included in your registration fee.

There is a \$250.00 per Commandery registration fee (which includes the registration for the three principal officers) and a \$80.00 advanced registration fee for each Sir Knight that attends the Mid-Templar Session. **All registration must be completed through the Lone Star Grand Commandery website at [www.lsgctx.org](http://www.lsgctx.org)** There will be **NO** on-site registration. **Actual Past Grand Commander’s are exempt from registration, but please fill out a registration form for a proper head count.**

**Note: The Subordinate Commandery, Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General are required to register for the Mid-Templar Session whether they attend. Any Commandery that does not fulfill these obligations will be declared un-square and will not be represented at the 2027 Grand Conclave until the Mid-Templar Session obligations are fulfilled. It must be paid for the Commandery and members of the Commandery to participate in the Mid-Templar Special Grand Commandery Session and have a voice in the especially critical issues that will come before the Grand Body.**

**Applications for the Lone Star Exalted Accolade of Devotion are now being accepted.**

This is a historic occasion — the first year the Lone Star Grand Commandery will confer the Exalted Accolade of Devotion ceremony. We strongly encourage all eligible Sir Knights to seize this opportunity to be recognized for their dedication and service to the Order.

**Application Process and Fees:**

1. A financial Sir Knight must submit a request to the Council of Exalted Accolades (C. . E. . A. .) by emailing lonestarcofea@gmail.com no later than July 31, 2026.
2. Once received, the Council of Exalted Accolades will verify the applicant's financial membership in the Lone Star Grand Commandery.
3. After financial status is verified by the Council, the Right Eminent Grand Commander will approve ALL applications.
4. The applicant will receive an email confirming approval and will be given authorization to submit the required fee to the Eminent Grand Recorder's Office.
5. Fee for the Lone Star Exalted Accolade of Devotion (L. . S. . E. . A. . D. .) [Silver Medal]: \$350.00. No fees will be received unless approved.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

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David E. Goffney Jr.

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attested:

Otho Z. Wilbur Sr.

Sir Otho Z. Wilbur Sr.,  
Interim Eminent Grand Recorder



## SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

### Friday, September 25, 2026

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Candidates for the Past EC Degree report to the State President for registration
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Opening of Conclave of Past Eminent Commanders
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration open
5:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Candidates for Dubbing report to the Eminent Grand Lecturer. Asylum is prepped for degree work
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Opening of an occasional commandery by South Central #37
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Dubbing ceremony performed by designated degree team
8:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Remarks from VEDGC, REGC. Refreshment

### Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Call back to labor by VEDGC; receive LSGC Officers (elected & appointed), receive REGC, receive special guests (if any)
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Receive MWGM or his representative, read Proclamation, establish quorum, declare session open, roll call DDGC's, review agenda
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Time &amp; Place (Grand Conclave/York Rite Weekend 2027)</li><li>- Bylaws, if any (Eminent Grand Senior Warden)</li><li>- Past Eminent Commander Degree (President of Past Commanders)</li><li>- Ways and Means (Eminent Grand Captain General)</li><li>- Sforzando Foundation (update from committee)</li><li>- Scholarship (update from Committee)</li><li>- Uniform Committee (Lone Star Exalted Accolade - wear authorization)</li></ul>
9:30 am	Call Off Special Session for Workshops
9:50 am – 11:50 am	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EGL/DDGC T. Williams (Order of the Red Cross)</li><li>- SK T. Gainwell (TBA)</li><li>- PDDGC C. Davis (Principles and Virtue of The Knights Templar)</li><li>- DDGC J. Gee (TBA)</li><li>- DDGC A. Johnson (TBA)</li><li>- REHGC/EGLE J. Wright</li></ul>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Joint Lunch (on-site)
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	Lone Star Exalted Accolade Ceremony
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Call back to labor. Open floor, final remarks, read minutes, & close Special Session
7:00 pm	Lone Star Grand Guild Annual Black and White Banquet (White Coat or Black Suit with KT Dress Collar or Jewel Rope)