# Lone Star Grand Commandery

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

From: Hon. Benjamin Burleson

R.E. Grand Commander

**Date:** August 5, 2024

Subject: CALL to Order for the 135th Annual Grand Conclave

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Lone Star Grand Commandery of Texas and its Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated, I hereby CALL the Lone Star Grand Commandery to convene in its 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave along with the Heroines of Templars Crusaders into their 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave at the Annual York Rite Weekend on Thursday, January 30, 2025, starting at 8:00 am.

All Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains General of each Constituent Commandery must register for the Grand Conclave whether they will be in attendance or not, or the Commandery will be deemed not square.

Grand Commandery Officer's, to include Deputies, are expected to purchase an AD in the Souvenir Journal. Eminent Commanders of the respective Commanderies are expected to place an AD in the Souvenir Journal also. Plus make their minimum donations to the King Contest Scholarship Program. Newly elected Eminent Commanders **WILL NOT BE RECEIVING** the Past Eminent Commander Degree at this session but will do so in September 2025 at the annual Mid-Templar Session.

Together with this CALL TO CONCLAVE is the 2025 Committee Listing. If you are a committee member, contact your chairperson as soon as possible. If you are the chairperson, please have your report ready to go, unless your report requires pertinent information which can only be obtained during the session. If you are a chairperson and cannot serve, please notify me immediately with a suggestion for your

replacement. Reports for most committees are due in the office of the Grand Recorder no later than January 20, 2025.

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

The 135<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave will be held at the <u>Embassy Suite Hilton DFW Airport South 4650 W. Airport Fwy, Irving, Texas 75062.</u> Note: **Room Rates: Wednesday through Saturday \$149.00 per night + tax** (King or Double).

#### **REGISTRATION**

Please see the registration link embedded in the Annual York Rite Notification. Advance Reservation Fee \$135.00 Deadline: November 30, 2024. Late Reservation Fee \$200.00. You must register before you can make a room reservation.

### "There will be no On-Site Registration"

Eminent Commanders ensure your BEAUSEANT is present for the roll call, also ensure that this CALL is read in your upcoming meetings leading to the Grand Conclave.

Done this day, August 5, 2024, in my office at 6315 Cypress Creek San Antonio, Texas 78239. Do take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

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<u>Benjamin Burleson</u> BB

Sir Benjamin Burleson, KCT, KYGCH Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attested:

Clary E. Glover, Jr. CEG Sir Clary E. Glover, Jr. KYCH Eminent Grand Recorder ONE TOTAL

## 135th Annual Conclave of the

#### Lone Star Grand Commandery, Order of the Knights Templar Schedule of Activities at the 24th Annual York Rite Weekend **Embassy Suites, DFW South Dallas, Texas**

Friday, January 31, 2025 - Casual Dress

**Drill Team Competition** 4:45 pm

Saturday, February 1, 2025 - Full Templar Dress

8:00 am Opening of the 135th Annual Grand Conclave by

- Turn over to DDGC who will receive VEDGC
- Reception of Elected & Appointed Grand Commandery Officer's
- Reception of Right Eminent Grand Commander
- Reading of the Call to Order (Grand Recorder)
- Roll Call of Grand Officer's & Commanderies
- Rules Committee
- Fiduciary Reports (Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Audit & Budget)
- Reception of Past Grand Commanders (Actual in Front)
- Reception of State Heads of Houses
- Reception of Visiting Jurisdictional Representatives
- Reception of National Heads of House Representatives
- Reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master; Grand Master Addresses the Body
- Committee on Warrants
- Committee on Foreign Correspondence
- Committee on Resolutions
- Committee on Constitution Revision
- Committee on Credentials Initial Report
- Committee on Jurisprudence
- Committee on Scholarship

- Committee on By-Laws
- Committee on Time and Place
- Committee on Grievances and Appeals
- Committee on Necrology
- Stewardship of the Eminent Grand Captain General
- Stewardship of the Eminent Grand Generalissimo
- Stewardship of the V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
- Annual Allocution of the Right Eminent Grand Commander
- Committee on Grand Commander's Address

11:15-11:45 am Remarks from Visiting Jurisdictions, National Heads, State Heads

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch

1:30-4:00 pm Resume Labor, Committee Reports Continued

- Committee on Works
- Committee on Credentials Final Report
- Election and Installation of Officers
- Read and Approve Minutes from Session
- Final Remarks (Actual Past Grand Commanders, Grand Master)
- Close 134th Annual Grand Conclave
- Delegation visits Lone Star Grand Guild

Friday, January 31, 2025

Gospel Fest

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Joint Memorial Service York Rite Weekend Banquet

Dickie Dance

Sunday, February 2, 2025

P.E.R.M. (Post-Event Recap Meeting)

6:30 pm

7:30 am 7:30 pm 10:00 pm

9:00 am

2025 Committee Assignments & General Duties

Lone Star Grand Commandery, Order of the Knights Templar, Prince Hall Affiliated

135<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave Dallas, TX

| Committees  | Members of Committee<br>(Committee Chair in <b>BOLD</b> Print)                            |
|---|---|
| Rules   | Eminent Grand Junior Warden   |
| Ruico   | Thaddaeus Emory (2), Kevin Hampton (1)  |
| Credentials   | Eminent Grand Sword Bearer Host Commandery Rep, Clary Glover, Jr (7)                      |
|   | Eminent Grand Warder  |
| Warrants  | Amos McCluney (22), James Nelson (43)   |
| Grievances and Appeals  | Vernon James (3) All Past Grand Commanders  |
| Election  | Ronald Gerac (2) Tadarian Harrell (7), Andre McGaughey (3)                                |
| Bylaws Bylaws must be submitted to the Eminent Grand Recorder | Eminent Grand Senior Warden Vic Bates (3), Darryl Taylor (40)                             |
| Works   | Raymond Keys, III (7) All Past Grand Commanders   |
| Resolutions   | Eminent Grand Legal Advisor "Big" Bryce Hardin (5), Craig Landrum (37)                    |
| Time and Place  | Very Eminent Deputy Commander  Marcus Thomas (5), Tracy Williams (5)                      |
| Ritual Revision   | Ronald Gerac (2) Howard Heggins (1), George Shell (7)                                     |
| Jurisprudence   | Eminent Grand Legal Advisor  Damon Mattox (2), Jimmie Wilkes (22)                         |
| CCFC  | Patrick Brathwaite (15) Steven Crayton (7), Moses Johnson (7)                             |
| Scholarship   | Eminent Grand Senior Warden Vernon James (3), John Love (44) & Members of the Grand Guild |
| Necrology   | Eminent Grand Prelate All Ministers & Deacons   |
| Website & Public Relations                                    | Clary Glover (7), Otho Wilbur (35) All SKs with expertise in Marketing                    |
| Medical Staff   | Cory Stanley (2) Marcus Thomas (5), Rashad Sabree (2)                                     |
| Ways and Means  | Eminent Grand Captain General<br>Robert Simms (3), Elvis Irby (37)                        |
| Grand Commander's Allocution                                  | <b>John Love (44)</b> Tadarian Harrell (7), Anthony Bennett (5)                           |
| Budget  | Robert Coffield (44) Financial Officers (EGR, EGT)  |
| Visitors  | Eminent Grand Marshal<br>Darnell Morris (43), Marvin Kelker (37)                          |
| Audit   | Joseph Thomas, III (2), Norman Thomas (2)   |
| King Contest  | Eminent Grand Generalissimo Commandery King Contest Participants                          |
| Drill Team Competition  | Eminent Grand Captain General  Drill Team Captains  |
| Fraternal Relations   | Derrick Jackson (7) Charles Lilley (37), Bernard Samuel (22)                              |
| Constantine Protocol  | Ronald Gerac (2)  |