

Templars of the Plains

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From the Grand Captain General

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The Right Eminent Grand Commander has asked the current Grand Commandery Officers to write articles each month for this supplement.



Greetings Sir Knights. With how busy our modern lives have become and with so many demands on our time, it becomes easier for families to divide and conquer, splitting resources to get everyone where they need to be. While Masonry and Templary are men's organizations, that certainly does not mean there is no place for our ladies among our ranks. Many of us are aware of Daughters of the Nile, a shrine ladies group, as well as the Order of Amaranth, and, of course, the Order of the Eastern Star. One group specifically tied to us as Sir Knights is the Social Order of the Beauceant,

which was originally formed to help host our 25th Triennial Conclave held in Denver in August 1892. It took its larger more organized form in time for the 1913 Triennial. Its purpose was to provide aid and sociability to the Sir Knights and Ladies attending Triennial. Over the years it has expanded to be a year-round place for our ladies to meet, practice tremendous ritual, and still provide care, comfort, and assistance to Sir Knights upon request. We here in Kansas have only one active Assembly located at the Derby Masonic Lodge which meets the 2nd Friday of each month.

The Beauceant ladies can be identified with their red jackets and cross and crown neck jewels worn at our events. The order is open to any wives, widows, mothers, daughters, sisters and granddaughters of any Sir Knight in good standing. As many of you have probably met or seen my lady Abigail in her regalia at our events, she currently serves as the Supreme Standard Bearer for the order. I tend to field questions about the group, so I will address the most common elephant in the room. There are some ladies organizations that have a certain reputation for at times being a little challenging to find your footing in. The one observation I have seen from both local and national level SOOB events is an unmatched welcoming and sisterly feeling and way of existence. These ladies truly excel at our core values and beliefs.

Coming up on August 15th is our fifth annual Knight Templar Feast, an event open this year to everyone, but especially your ladies. I would highly recommend bringing them for a night of fellowship and fun. Let them meet some of our other wonderful ladies and interact. If our events are going to grow and survive, these demands on our time need to be worthwhile to all we care about in our lives. These organizations, like all

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of our masonic groups and the youth and ladies groups, teach us all such valuable lessons and skills to help us master our lives. They are an invaluable source that we must take care to help survive.

Things like our Grand Session have needs of our ladies to be present — those in attendance are always appreciated and well received. Our events have meals our ladies can attend. I have heard some of our ladies say that they would come (or may even love to be there), but they are not always told that they are wanted or invited or needed. Let me pass on your ladies that they are almost always wanted, invited or needed. These women are the backbones of our lives, whether or not we like to admit it. Their presence enriches the quality of events, and I hope that we can continue to grow and include more in the fantastic events which we have planned for our future. If your wife or lady is ever nervous or concerned about coming around, Abbey says she's already got friends waiting for her, and she is more than willing to talk to you or her or anyone about what we as Knights Templar and the Social Order of the Beauceant have to offer.

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First Outdoor Knighting in Kansas

The first Outdoor Knighting in Kansas will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026, starting at 2:00 PM. The event will be held outside at the Masonic Oak Tree Park. This location is near Little River, Kansas and is the same location as the Annual Oak Tree Lodge is held.

There will be a meal provided after the conferrals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta have been completed. This is intended to be a medieval feast of sorts and we will eat outdoors and spend the time enjoying each others company.

When we have completed our meal, the Magnanimous Order of the Temple will be conferred in full-form and in costume. All Sir Knights are encouraged to select and wear a costume, if they have one available. Using the robes from either your York Rite or your Lodge would be acceptable as well. In many of our bodies, those robes have seen little use and this will afford the opportunity to air them out and see them used somewhere within our Craft. No Class A uniforms should be worn at this event.



new Sir Knight within the jurisdiction during the 2026-2027 Templar year.

Reservations, and payment, can be made using the Grand York Rite website. Register early as we expect this event to fill quickly and there are only a limited number of spots available.





As we continue our examination of the Lord's Prayer, we now turn our attention to the words, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," and consider the importance they hold in our spiritual lives.

For me, this portion of the prayer is both a petition and a plea that the Divine Presence be made known within us and through us. In the spirit of St. Augustine's teaching, we do not pray because God needs to become King; rather, we pray that we might become faithful subjects of the King. When we say, "Thy kingdom come," we are not asking God to establish His spiritual presence in a place where it is absent. God is already present.

Instead, we are asking that our hearts, minds, and lives be brought into alignment with His ever-present spiritual kingdom.

This petition invites us to consider what we mean by the "kingdom of God." Christ taught that the kingdom is not merely a distant realm that we enter after death. It is also a spiritual reality that can begin to take form within us here and now. Whenever we choose love over hate, and mercy instead of judgment, the kingdom of God is being revealed.

Origen suggested that heaven is wherever the will of God is obeyed without resistance. From this perspective, Earth becomes more like Heaven whenever our heart willingly submits itself to divine wisdom. Each time we forgive someone who has injured us, or show compassion to someone in distress, a small portion of Earth is brought into harmony with heaven.

For me, "Thy will be done" deepens the meaning of the petition. These words require more than belief; they require surrender. It's easy to pray for God's will when His will appears to agree with our own desires. However, the true spiritual test comes when the path before us is not the path we would have chosen.

Christ demonstrated this surrender while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane when He prayed, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." In that moment, Christ showed us that obedience to God does not always remove difficulty, suffering, or uncertainty. Sometimes the divine will leads us through trials rather than around them. To pray, "Thy will be done," is total surrender of our desires and plans and to radically rely on the Divine Love of the Universe to work out the plan. Know that surrendering to the will of God is not an excuse for indifference. Instead, it requires that we listen carefully, discern prayerfully, and then act courageously.

Knights Templar Education Scholarship



On Wednesday, July 1, 2026, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Patrick C. Carr, presented Lady Rhea Lyle with a Knights Templar Education Scholarship check in the amount of \$1,000 for her to continue her higher education goals. Lady Rhea is a member of the Social Order of the Beauceant and is the wife of Sir Knight James A. Lyle, the Generalissimo of Askelon Commandery No. 6 in McPherson, Kansas. Congratulations to Lady Rhea on receiving this scholarship!