

# Louisiana Supplement

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## Louisiana York Rite Calendar 2008

August 23, 2008  
September 19 – 20, 2008

Shreveport York Rite Festival  
South Central Department,  
Manhattan, Ks

## 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave Grand Commandery of Louisiana – April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The One Hundred and Forty-Fifth annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana was held in Baton Rouge in the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge with Sir Knight Beverly J. Guillot, our Right Eminent Grand Commander, presiding. Ascension Commandery No. 6, with 16 proficient Sir Knights, opened a Commandery of Knights Templar. Eminent Commander John T. Dark, the Eminent Commander of Ascension Commandery gave a moving rendition of a story of a Tiny Rosebud during the opening.

All 15 Constituent Commanderies were represented for the Grand Conclave. Twelve Past Grand Commanders honored us with their presence.

We were honored to have with us the following out of state visitors: Harley R. DeShane, a Past Commander of Cortland Commandery of New York and our Grand Representative near that Grand Jurisdiction; Michael H. Shively, a Past Grand Commander of Texas; Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr., a Past Grand Commander of Ohio; Wayne Dee Jordan, a Past Grand Commander of Alabama and our Grand Representative near that Jurisdiction; Jimmy J. James, our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin; Kenneth E. Storey, Past Grand Commander of Arkansas; and Van Aubrey Evans, a Past Grand Commander of Mississippi.

Our distinguished guest from the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the USA, Sir Knight Sid C. Dorris III, the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, represented our Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. He was accompanied by Sir Knight F. Douglas Mitchell, the Right Eminent Department Commander of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment. He is a Past Grand Commander of Texas and is also a Knight of the Order of the Crown of Thorns. Our own Right Eminent Past Department Commander Lloyd A. Hebert was in our midst and active in the conclave.

S/K Thomas P. Brown, our Grand Prelate, reported on the four ministers that were given trips to the Holy Land this past year. We were all encouraged to support this wonderful program with the financial help and prayers for the Holy Land to continue to be peaceful enough for this program to continue in years ahead.

### **Saturday Evening Gathering**

A savory beef brisket dinner, prepared by Sir Knight Percy Lee, KTCH, with his special forces, was enjoyed by approximately one hundred Sir Knights and guests. Following the meal, all enjoyed entertainment arranged for the evening.

### **Annual Banquet**

S/K William J. Mollere, PC of Plains Commandery, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Following the introduction of the Grand Officers and other guests, a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. During the evening, Sir Knight John L. Belanger, PC, was presented with the coveted award of Knight Templar Cross of Honor. The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Bev J. Guillot, was presented with a Meritorious Service Plaque given for his meritorious service by the S/K Sid C. Dorris, III, the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Patrick Brown of Payen Commandery, a performer on the violin, entertained all during the evening in the beautifully decorated banquet hall. We were also entertained by the "Sweet Adelines", a chorus group of ladies from the Baton Rouge area. S/K Sid Dorris, III, the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, gave interesting remarks of Grand Encampment and Templary. Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Lloyd E. Hennigan, Jr. brought fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge.

### **Divine and Memorial Services**

The Divine service was conducted by our Grand Prelate, S/K Tomas P. Brown, KTCH. S/K Lillard E. Payne, PGC, gave the Eulogy of Past Grand Commander James Parker Davis of Lafayette. S/K Lloyd A. Hebert, REPDC, gave opening comments for the memorial service.

### **Elected Grand Officers**

The following were elected and installed for the 2008-09 Templar year: Daniel F. Thomas, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Earl J. Durand, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Thomas P. Dickson, E Grand Generalissimo; Robert E. Durham, Jr., E Grand Captain General; Frank N. du Treil, Jr., E Grand Senior Warden; William Keith Powell, E Grand Junior Warden; Donald E. Park, E Grand Treasurer; and Bowdre McDowell, HPGC, E Grand Recorder.

### **Time and Place**

The One Hundred and Forty Sixth annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the City of Hammond, Louisiana April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Quality Hotel and Convention Center, 2000 Morrison Blvd, Hammond, Louisiana.

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