

## Louisiana Supplement

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**Louisiana York Rite Calendar:** see <http://www.yorkritela.org/la/>

### **Louisiana Commanderies Install Officers and hold Christmas Observance**



Monroe York Rite Bodies installed officers on December 3, 2018. Installation was done by Eminent Sir Knight Sam Owens, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Louisiana. Also, present were Michael Laurence, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Louisiana; J. Keith Gates Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana; and Roy McDuffie, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Installed as Commander of Monroe Commandery No. 7 was Eminent Sir Knight Wilson O. Cook.



Ascension Commandery No. 6 Knights Templar in Shreveport held its installation and Christmas Observance on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Creswell Masonic Temple in Shreveport.

### The End is Near

Boudreaux and Thibodeaux, deputized by their church to oversee the church sign, stood in front of the church one day pounding a sign into the ground that read “The End is Near.” About that time, a car came around the curve and the driver, not pleased with their sign, yelled all manner of obscenities about Christians in the general direction of Boudreaux and Thibodeaux as he sped on around the curve. Just then, they heard screeching tires and a loud crash. Boudreaux looked at Thibodeaux and said, “You think maybe the sign should just say ‘Bridge Out’!?”

My time as Grand Commander is drawing near. In a few short days our Grand Conclave will convene (March 2, 2019 at the Hotel Bentley) and a new man will take the red cord and mantle of leadership.

As that time closes in on us, I want you to know that I have had the time of my life serving you this last year. I have met so many wonderful Knights Templar with wonderful stories to tell. From the cotton fields of northeast Louisiana to the swamps of the southwest, from the piney woods to the bright lights of New Orleans, I have had the absolute pleasure of meeting men who are poised to make Templary great again. I have no doubt that Templary will continue even after my term ends because of the wonderful men we have as Knights. While the quantity of our members may be declining, I have never had more faith in the quality of our members.

The DeMolay tell their chiefs on installation, “...though you are temporarily the chief among your brethren, you have only emerged for a brief time from the ranks and to the ranks you will soon return.” And now, as I prepare to pass the duties and responsibilities of this high office on to another and return to the ranks, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of being your servant.

**J. Keith Gates,  
Right Eminent Grand Commander of Louisiana**

***“Chivalry, Christianity, Templary - A Way of Life”  
“Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar”***