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To the Sir Knights of Texas:

Happy New Year Sir Knights, I hope each of you have a prosperous 2011! Sir Knights with the New Year come our traditional New Year's resolutions, and I would like to suggest one for each of you this New Year. Make your New Year's resolution," I will enlist at least five new members this Templar year". Write it down and stick it on your refrigerator, and every time you top line a new member mark one off your list. Sir Knights, I believe that many of the masons of Texas are interested in joining the York Rite in general and the Commandery in particular. Many of our masons are Christian and are looking for a Christian order to be a part of, and that is where we need to focus. Make sure you always emphasize this point. If you need a program for your lodge or just for reading, contact the Membership Committee person in your area or the Chairman and a copy of their York Rite Program. Committee contacts are on the website: www.texasryorkrite.org

Membership

We have done very well this year in membership, but we need to keep up the good work. Remember that when you have top lined ten (10) or more petitions talk to your Recorder and apply for the Grand Encampment membership award.

Please remember to post your festivals and Commandery Orders on the Grand Commandery website: www.texasryorkrite.org, and if you would like the Grand Officers to come and be a part of your Commandery Orders just send us an e-mail or contact your local Grand Commandery Officer and they will be happy to pass the word along.

If your Commandery is interested in attracting new members, try partnering with your Lodge and have an open house. You might run an ad in the local paper to invite people in your area who are interested in knowing more about Free Masonry to visit. Make sure to invite masons who are not in the York Rite to attend and learn more about the York Rite. Remember if you hide your light you will never grow. Let the light of your Commandery shine bright this New Year.

Festival

Dallas Festival - Chapter and Council

01/22/2011

Home 214-575-3940

Dallas Festival – Commandery

01/29/2011

Cell 214-797-6610

Contact: Loyd Chance

As many of us are starting the New Year off on the positive note of continuing to build our Commanderies for the future, I believe that we should pause for a few moments to reflect on the losses we had last year. We mourn the losses of our fellow sir knights of Texas and even though we wish they were still with us, we understand that it is Gods will that must be done. We also sympathize with our sister jurisdictions for their losses during last year. We especially mourn the passing of Sir Knight Sid Dorris, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, who we lost on November 19, 2010.

To the new Commanders I would like to congratulate each of you upon being elected to your new offices and encourage each of you to make plans to attend the Grand Commandery session in Amarillo Texas this year. I would also encourage each of you to participate in the Cross and Crown, and Patriotic and Civic programs this year. I know they may look difficult to achieve, but I believe that if you set this goal for your Commandery you will be able to not only achieve this goal, but to help your Commandery excel this year. You will find the requirements and application form on the Grand Commandery website. Remember if your Commandery is currently working towards this award, the deadline for your award applications to be submitted for the committee is the first of February.

Finally Sir Knights, the Grand Chapter and Grand Council have planned several conferences this year, and I would encourage you to attend the one in your area. I hope to see you there. Once again, please let me know if there is anything that the Grand Commandery Officers or I can help you with this year. Remember if you believe in yourself and in your Commandery, others will start to believe. Have a wonderful new year!

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