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***+Greetings and Welcome + I hope you are enjoying your Templary!***

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** – At the time of this writing, we had just completed our Grand Lodges' Grand Communication, and on behalf of all of the Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Committeemen, we congratulate R.: E.: **Jerry Nelson Kirby**, upon his election as the 2014 **Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas...** We are very proud of you and your diligence and hard work, and your desire to continue to serve the Masons of Texas!

**Great Expectations!** – You are now into your second month of the new term in your Commandery and I am confident that your term's agenda includes some type of honors program for the wives and widows of your Commandery's Sir Knights (Valentine's Day); Maybe something recognizing/honoring our country's President's (President's Day); Maybe you are preparing a Ritual Team or a Drill Team, to compete at the 161<sup>st</sup> Grand Conclave, in Houston! If you are not doing some of these things, perhaps it's because you are not sure of what to do or, not sure you are able to do it! If you are not sure what to do, **CALL ME**; If you are not sure you are able to do it, I would remind you of what Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt said, **"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow, is our doubts of today!"** YOU are the key to your Commandery's SUCCESS, LEAD by example and do something meaningful... Many folks experience life just going through the motions, but very few experience greatness; Be the spark that ignites the flame... Take the lead!

**Templar Field Day, Honoring Jacques DeMolay** – March 18, 2014, is a significant date for all Knight Templar's; It is the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the ancient Templar's, who gave up his life rather than betray his brethren and friends (a trait that we should all attempt to emulate). On Saturday, March 15, 2014, we will in gather Waco, Texas, not only to commemorate this anniversary, but to confer the Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple; then, as a special treat, a specialized team of ritualist's will confer some of the Templar Degrees of the Scottish Rite, in vignette form; ending the day with the DeMolay Initiatory Degree, the DeMolay Degree and Fourth Section. The idea is to show the close relationship that Templary shares with the Scottish Rite and DeMolay, and how we can work together for the betterment of Freemasonry. We also encourage you to **bring your York Rite candidates for this special conferral**, so they too, can see the Scottish Rite Degree vignettes, as well as the DeMolay Degrees, so they might see that they can join or participate with these other incredible Masonic organizations. The day will begin with registration at 8:00 am, at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, and the Order of the Red Cross will begin at 9:00 am. At some point, we will enjoy a catered lunch, there at the Museum's banquet room. Put this date in your calendar and plan on being there with us!

**Can YOU Do It?** – Bring to your Commandery, just two petitions!

**161<sup>st</sup> Grand Conclave** – Put April 25-28, 2014 into your calendar and make plans to be at the Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, which will take place in Houston, at the Marriott Westchase Hotel. All events will occur at the hotel, so once you arrive, you will not have to leave until it's over; Also, we chose this hotel because of its convenient location, comfortable rooms and very good food. There will be several opportunities for you and your Commandery to participate, Drill Teams, Ritual Teams (Six-Man Teams this year), York Rite College meeting, KYCH meeting, Knights Preceptor meeting, Awards Banquet, Divine Service, Reception/Luncheon/GLoT San Jacinto Observance, Business Session and the election and installation of the new corps of Grand Officers! I hope you will join us in April, and take part in your Grand Commandery. Details for registration will be forthcoming this month, and will include some perks for you to stay at the headquarter hotel for all three nights, so watch your mail carefully!

**Easter Observance** – This year, Easter falls on Sunday, April 20, 2014, and there are three Grand Encampment Easter Observances in the U.S., In Alexandria, VA; Kansas City, MO; and Los Angeles, CA. If you have never attended one of these events, you have truly missed something special, particularly the one in Alexandria, VA. Besides all of the sights in nearby Washington, D.C., the Templar march up the hill, where the George Washington Masonic Memorial is located, is something to behold, with all of the Templar's marching in-step, in full uniform! And to watch as our Grand Master places a Templar wreath at the 'Tomb of the Unknowns', surrounded by the Sir Knights, in uniform, is very impressive! There are several of us that are planning on attending the Easter Observance in Alexandria, VA, as a Texas contingency; I hope that you too, will give this consideration and join us there!

**A Little Wine?** – I hope that you will utilize the new Grand Commandery Wine, "The Fifth Libation", at your next Order of the Temple knighting, or your next Festive Board, or Table Lodge, or at your family dinner table... Not too dry, not too sweet, but just right, and it can be enjoyed with all foods! The Order Form is located on the Grand Commandery website... Order yours today!

**The Gifts You Offer** – None of us have the same talents, or offer the same gifts to our Fraternity, but each of us have that 'special something' that you "Bring To The Table", that sets you apart from everyone else. Each time I have ever presided in any organization, I have referred to the following poem by R.L. Sharpe, as an example of that 'special something':

***A Bag Of Tools***

*Isn't it strange that princes and kings, and clowns in sawdust rings,  
 And common people, like you and me, are builders for eternity?  
 Each of us is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass, a book of rules;  
 And each of us must make, before life is flown,  
 A stumbling block, or a stepping stone.*

Be the positive difference in your Commandery, step up to the challenge of greatness.... Get involved!

– Don't be afraid of greatness, step up to the challenge and promote Templary!

**+ H. Bart Henderson + Grand Commander + 2013-2014 +  
 "Do right, and risk the consequences!" - Brother Sam Houston**