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To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings.

The month of February brings us several important dates. Two dates, **February 12th and February 22nd** represent birthdates of two of America's most liked Presidents.

On February 12th, we recognize Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Lincoln guided the nation through the chaos of the American Civil War. On **February 22nd**, Washington's Birthday officially honors the life **Brother George Washington**. Washington helped to form the nation by serving as the **Commander in Chief** of the Continental Army. Later, he served as the **first President of the United States**. His actions as President **helped to define the office and set the example for those who following him**. In 1971, his birthday was standardized and is now celebrated as a federal holiday on the third Monday in February. The holiday now commemorates all past presidents and is also referred to as **President's Day**. **Take a moment to reflect on his dedication and tireless efforts to the Nation. His examples and ideas remain important to this day.**

On **February 14th**, **St. Valentine's Day** is celebrated. St. Valentine was martyred for marrying Christian couples in defiance of Roman rule and his unwavering support of the Christian religion. His feast day has evolved over the years into the romantic day we now know.

Sir Knights, make sure you take time to remember that special person who allows you to participate in all of the Masonic activities that you enjoy so much. Take her out and say thank you in a way she will remember. Personally, Valentines Day will cost me roses, Truman Chocolates, and a trip to Grace in Fort Worth.

As always we look forward to visiting and hearing from you as we travel across the state.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert Loflin
Grand Commander 2014-2015

+RITUAL AND FIELD DRILL+

The **Templar Instruction Committee and the Field Drill Committee met in Arlington** at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and finalized plans for the Ritual and Field Drill Competitions.

The Ritual Competition will be in the **Order of Malta**. The parts for the Competition will be the **Prior, Marshal, Knight at the Table in the West, St. John Banner Guard, Maltese Banner Guard, Captain of the Outposts**.

Past Grand Master Fischer briefed the Drill Captains in the upcoming Field Drill Competition.

+162nd Grand Conclave+

Registration forms have been sent to your Recorder and are available on the website, www.texasyorkrite.org.

-All resolutions, must be submitted and received by the Grand Recorders office no later than February 23, 2015.

-The Grand Encampment Constitution requires your Commandery's Dias officers (Eminent Commander +Generalissimo +Captain General) attend Grand Commandery.

-The Commander and Recorder are required to attend the business session in order to be eligible for their distinguished service medals. It is important that your Commandery has someone present to answer the roll call of Commanderies and insure that your Commandery has a voice and a vote.

Come celebrate Texas Templary in San Marcos with us!!!