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**To the Sir Knights of Texas:**

As many of you are aware, April signals the end of the Grand Commandery year and my term as Grand Commander. I would like everyone to know what a great time I have had serving as Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas. I would also like you to know that because of your hard work and dedication we have had a great year creating new Sir Knights. This does not mean that we should stop; it just means that when you work hard for a great cause other people will want to join you in your endeavors. Because of you, we have inched ever closer to achieving the title of the Largest Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment. It will be up to my successor, Sir Knight Paul Wunsche, to continue the hard work we have started. There is no other person on Earth who I have more confidence in to continue this quest than Paul Wunsche. Truly, the Grand Commandery of Texas is in good hands.

Just a few notes for the month of April, as there are just a few more York Rite Conferences left, and they will be on the following days:

4/09	Floydada	Floydada Chapter & Council	130 W. Mississippi St.	9:00AM
4/23	Houston	North Houston Chapter & Council	13106 Chrisman	9:00AM

It is important that we support these conferences, so please make your plans to attend one of them.

**Festival**

So far there is only one festival listed for the month of April, so please list your festival on the website or e-mail the Grand Officers if you need assistance.

Ennis Festival - Chapter and Council 04/09/2011

Please make plans to attend a festival in your area, they always need help!

**Website**

Remember to keep using the website as it is a great tool for communication. However, it will only work if you use it regularly. I would like to personally thank the Internet Committee for the work they have done for me this year; we have come a long way, and there is still plenty of work to be done.

To my committee members, I would like to thank you for all of the hard work you have done this year.

I would like to thank all of the Past Grand Commanders for their support and advice throughout this year; I could not have done it without your guidance.

I would like to commend each of the Grand Officers this year for their outstanding work. We are very lucky in the State of Texas to have Sir Knights such as these who are willing to give of their time and talents, and to sacrifice their personal and family time so readily. To each of you, I say, keep up the great work!

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the Sir Knights of Texas for giving me this opportunity. I have been truly honored and blessed to be your Grand Commander. Our state is composed of the best Sir Knights in the entire Grand Encampment; and you are truly the best of the best!

If you have not made your arrangements for our Grand Annual Conclave, there is still time. Simply download the registration form off of the website today and send it in as soon as you can. If it is your first time to attend the Grand Annual Conclave, make sure you say hello to all of the Grand Officers, as we always have time to talk to our new members. Remember every Knight Templar is invited to attend. I look forward to seeing each of you in Amarillo at the 158<sup>th</sup> Grand Annual Conclave.

*Fraternally,*  
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**Right Eminent Grand Commander**