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### ***To the Sir Knights of Texas:***

First and foremost, I thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through whom all things are possible. Without His blessing, I would not be here.

Second, I want to thank each of you, the Sir Knights of Texas. You made my dream come true.

The 159<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave is just around the corner! The Sir Knights and Ladies of the 159<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave Committees are working diligently to see that everything is just right, and that your stay in Houston will be filled with FAMILY, FUN, CARING and CHIVALRY. I wish each Sir Knights competing in Field Drill and Ritual the best of luck, and may the best team win!

Sir Knights, this is the last article that I write as your Grand Commander. As I look back over my year as leader of this Christian organization, I look back at the great things that we, The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, have accomplished. We sent a Minister to the Holy Land (Thanks Paris Commandery No. 9), we raised over \$8,000 for the Permanent Endowment Fund, and we started a long-term fund raiser for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund through GoodSearch.com. We have worked together as Sir Knights and friends, and have accomplished much. On the down side, we have lost one Commandery as Brady Commandery has merged with San Angelo.

As we move into a new chapter for this great Grand Commandery, I ask that you continue all the prayers and kind wishes that Becky and I have felt from you. Sir Knight David Moore and Lady Shirley will value them and need them in the coming year. David will do an outstanding job as our leader, and I look forward to his term as Grand Commander.

I want to thank each of you, the membership of Texas, for all of the warmth and love that you have given Becky and me over the last ten years. I will forever cherish your friendship and kindness. This is a journey I loved and will not soon forget. Being in the Grand Commandery line is like nothing else. I am amazed by your CHIVALRY

and CARING for each other, and I thank you for allowing me to be of service to you. Each Commandery in this great State has become a part of the fabric of my FAMILY.

There are so many people that I want to thank, and I will certainly leave someone out. However, there are some that I must thank for all that they have done for me.

To the Grand Officers: Every Grand Commander thinks that his corps of officers is the best. I know that you are the best. Thank you for your support this year - you have made my job easy!

To the Sir Knights of District Three, especially Fort Bend Commandery No. 74: I will always treasure your friendship, your support, and your fried chicken!

To the Sir Knights of Melrose Commandery No. 109: You have been with me from the beginning, and you really are the best Commandery in the world. Ladies of Melrose Assembly No. 204, Social Order of the Beauceant, thank you for your ever-present love and support.

To the Sir Knights and Ladies of Melrose Commandery No. 109 Drill Team: Thank you for all of your hard work and support for the past ten years. You each have a very special place in my heart.

To my family: You have been an inspiration, and I thank you for all the love and support that you have given me. I love each of you.

To Rex: I can't wait for you to become a Knight Templar so that we can run the roads together! You are a True Knight at heart, and I thank you for your love and your understanding of how important this year has been to Mom and me.

Finally, to my best friend, Becky: You are my rock. Words cannot express the love that I have for you. Your love and support have been my inspiration. With all of my heart, and all that I have, I love you.

To the Sir Knights of Texas: Once again, THANK YOU. You really have made my dreams come true. My hope is that somewhere in the past year, you have witnessed and participated in the CARING and CHIVALRY that sets us apart from any other part of Freemasonry. I hope that you have made special memories with your FAMILY which will never fade. Most of all, I hope you have experienced the pure joy of being a Christian Knight, and having some FUN! May God continue to bless each of you and your families. I look forward to welcoming you to Houston!

***In Christ's Name,  
Paul E. Wunsche,  
Right Eminent Grand Commander***