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To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings.

April marks the end of Our Grand Commandery year and with it my term as Grand Commander. For the **past ten years**, it has been my privilege to serve **YOU, the Sir Knights of Texas, as a Grand Officer**. Over the years as we traveled across the state we have enjoyed your hospitality and recognize the amount of dedication and hard work each of you gives to make our Grand Commandery great. The trips always allowed us to visit with friends but more importantly make new ones and for that we're extremely grateful and blessed.

THANK YOU for all you do for Templary!!

To the Past Grand Commanders, Thanks for your advice and support over the years and more especially this year. Without your insight and guidance, this journey would have been much more difficult.

The Grand Commandery of Texas is well served by its Grand Officers. Their close knit and professional attitude makes it a pleasure to work with each of them. We know the Grand Commandery will be well served in the years to come.

Finally, we want to encourage each and every one of you to continue your hard work to make The Grand Commandery Knight's Templar of Texas the BEST Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment.

Sincerely and Thanks,

Robert Loflin
Grand Commander 2014-2015

"HE HAS BEEN RAISED"

This **Easter**, like all the rest, brings us to a renewal of what it is to be a **Christian, and a Christian Knight**, for without the fulfillment of the **Scriptures** Our salvation would not have been possible. At an early age Easter, to me, was a great day of Church, Family gathering with Eater egg hunts, wonderful meals, and later in life it was Sunrise Services with my Commandery. Without a doubt it my favorite scripture of Easter week is as follows.

When the Sabbath as over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Mark [16:1-8] NSRV.

This good news of **Jesus** rising seals our salvation and strengthens our faith as **Christians and Knights Templar**, it also charges us to proclaim the good news to the world and act as Christians and Knights in all our actions.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve our Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of Texas as your Prelate this year.

On behalf of the Grand Commander and the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Texas, I hope you all have a Blessed Easter gathering with you Families and your fellow Sir Knights.

Fraternally yours,
Joseph A. Avalos, Grand Prelate