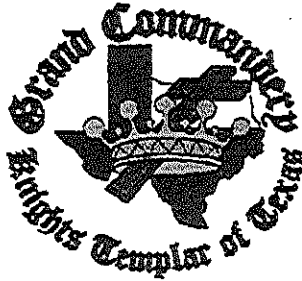


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TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF TEXAS

At this, my first writing for the Templar Magazine, I want to sincerely thank the Sir Knights of Texas for electing me as Grand Commander for 2006-2007.

I pledge to work diligently to represent you well and not betray the confidence you have shown in me. I look forward to a GREAT year in Texas with your help.

If there is a "THEME" for this year for the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, I think it must be "Synergy" I will be talking about it all this year as I serve as your Grand Commander. In the past several years, we have all been concerned about a decline in Membership of the various Masonic Bodies. We have not been attracting enough young men to our Fraternity to offset the number of our senior members who have passed on to thier great reward. This is the same story in our Symbolis Lodges, our Scottish Rite Bodies, and our York Rite Bodies.

I believe that the answer to our dilemma is "Synergy". Webster defines "Synergy" as: The action of two or more to achieve an effort of which each is individually incapable. Regeneration is effected by a combination of Human Will and Divine Grace. Simply put: "Accomplishing together what we cannot accomplish individually".

In this world in which we live today, We need the teachings of Masonry as never before ! Our morality is not what it should be. Our world needs good, Moral men who are examples of what God has intended for us to be. Freemasonry teaches those moral concepts, and we should be attracting young men to that way of life. And I believe we need Templar Masonry in particular, Our greatest example of the proper conduct for men was Jesus Christ.

Freemasonry offers something for everyone, in the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, and other Masonic orders of our fraternity, and we must all work together to attract good men to our fraternity. We must educate each young member, or prospective member, about the different bodies and what each has to offer. We need "Synergy" to achieve together what we as individuals cannot achieve.

Therefore, let us all put aside the competition among our various Masonic bodies, and work together for the good of Masonry, and put "Synergy" to work for us.

The other thing I want to emphasize is the need for VISIBILITY ! The General public does not know enough about us or what we stand for. We have no one to blame but ourselves. We are not visible in our communities. This year, I want to see every Commandry in Texas participating in uniform, in Flag Raising ceremonies , in Parades , presenting the colors at Football games , ect. , any public appearance where Templar can be properly represented. Let's let the public see us out in our communities .

Fraternally ,

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Grand Commander of Texas

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Denton York Rite bodies will hold a festival on May 20th and June 3rd to celebrate the 100th birthday of Denton Commandry. Breakfast served at 7:00 A.M. Degrees start at 8:00A.M. On June 3rd after completion of the Order of the Temple They will have a banquet celebrating 100 years and honoring all past commanders of Denton Commandry No. 45. Courtesy candidates welcome. For futher info contact jspierce76227@sbcglobal.net