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## To the Sir Knights of Texas:

It was my privilege to be installed as Grand Commander of Texas at the close of the 2007 Grand Conclave held in Abilene. I offer my sincere thanks to the Sir Knights of Texas for this great privilege. I follow in the footsteps of the many great men who have led this Christian body over the years. During this next year, I solicit your support, good thoughts and earnest prayers as I endeavor to fill this office honorably and creditably.

We are a part of the living history of our Grand Commandery – a proud history, and it's up to us to ensure that it continues. Templary will flourish if we endeavor to support and exemplify its precepts and ideals. This year let's concentrate our efforts beginning on a **grassroots level**. I ask each Commander to set at least these two goals for the year: 1) make your Commandery meetings and activities fun for everyone, and be sure to include your family too; and, 2) strive to make the ritualistic work of your Commandery as positive and impressive as possible (not necessarily letter perfect, but favorably impressive to any candidate). Also, each of us must remain an active member in our constituent Commanderies and embark upon a journey of asking every Master Mason who has yet to complete his York Rite journey to do so by becoming a member of our York Rite organization.

Let each of us be like the farmer who plants his seeds in the spring to be able to harvest his crop in the winter - - we must plant the seeds of York Rite Masonry with every newly raised Master Mason in order that they may have the opportunity to be knighted into an Order that is rooted in the Christian religion. Seeds can't grow without water. Therefore, remain committed to nurturing each new Sir Knight in his new undertakings and ensure that he becomes active in his Commandery. It has been said many times, that if each Sir Knight is responsible for just **one** Master Mason becoming a Companion and Sir Knight, we can **double** our membership this year - - and not have completed harvesting our fields. As Master Masons, we must promote all of our Masonic Bodies. *We're all in this together, and we must work together in order for all to succeed.*

Looking ahead to the new Templar year, we will continue the Dale Miller Award recognizing the Commandery in each district that makes the most favorable impression on the candidate during the conferral of the Order of the Temple at the annual inspection. Also, I ask each Sir Knight, regardless of office

or position, to support all the activities of your Commandery, especially the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

Lastly, Linda and I invite you and your lady to attend the 155<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave that will be held in Farmers Branch on April 18 to 21, 2008. I ask all of you to work with your local Commandery to make Templar history this year - - what kind of history that will be, however, depends on each of us! Thank you again for your confidence and I look forward to seeing you at various events throughout the year.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas W. Snyder  
Grand Commander

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 11 & 12**

**B.T. Estes York Rite Festival**

Texarkana, TX

Contact: Charley Clay 903-832-2725

**June 1 & 2**

**Greenville York Rite Festival**

Greenville Masonic Lodge

2615 Stonewall Street

Greenville, TX

June 1: Registration 5:00 pm, Degrees 7:00 pm

June 2: Registration 7:00 am, Degrees 8:00am

Contact: Chuck Pierce 903-496-7317

**June 9**

**Super Excellent Master's Degree**

Dallas Scottish Rite Temple

Registration 10:00am; Lunch 12 Noon; Degree 1:00pm

**June 16**

**Grandbury Chapter & Council Degrees**

Grandbury Lodge

1701 Weatherford Hwy (Hwy 51 North)

Registration 7:00am; Degree 8:00am; Lunch 12 Noon

Contact: Jerry Wilson