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To the Sir Knights of Texas

In order to keep everyone informed of upcoming events, please send your schedule of events to me no later than the tenth of each month, and two months prior to publication.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11 & 12

E. T. Estes York Rite Festival
Texarkana, TX

June 1 & 2

Greenville York Rite Festival
Greenville, TX
2615 Stonewall Street
Greenville, TX

June 1: Registration 5:00 pm, Degrees 7:00 pm
June 2: Registration 7:00 am, Degrees 8:00 am

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
Granbury Lodge
1701 Weatherford Hwy (Hwy 51 North)

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

Contact: Jerry Wilson

Fraternally,

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To the Sir Knights of Texas:

It was my great privilege to be installed as the Grand Commander of Texas on April 21, 2008, at the close of the 155th Grand Conclave held in Farmers Branch. I wish to extend my heart-felt thanks to the Sir Knights of Texas for their confidence in me as evidenced by my elevation to this high position of responsibility. I pledge to do my best to prove worthy of the honor. A successful year in Grand Commandery will depend as much on the support and cooperation of every member as on the efforts of your Grand Commander. Please pray for me as I endeavor to seek divine guidance in promoting companionship and mutual esteem in our beloved fraternity.

My goals for Grand Commandery this year are fourfold:

(1) Continue visibility in the public.

This lofty goal was articulated so well by Past Grand commander A. Glen McCandless during his year of service 2006-2007. Let people know who we are and what we support. Wear the uniform proudly at community events when appropriate, such as parades, dedications, flag presentation ceremonies, and church services attended as a Commandery.

(2) Develop enthusiasm for York Rite Masonry.

An enthusiastic attitude is contagious. If we let it be known that we really enjoy Masonry, and Templary in particular, our pleasure will attract and retain new members.

(3) Work with Chapters and Councils in advancing membership.

Commanderies, Chapters, and Councils must maintain a spirit of togetherness if we are to continue to flourish. As my grandfather used to say, "One hand washes the other." In like manner, each body of the York Rite influences the prosperity of the others.

(4) Encourage family involvement in the obligatory observances.

Easter, Ascension, Patriotic observance, and Christmas are all opportunities to involve the whole family in Templary, which will ultimately result in growth and expansion of our magnanimous order.

Maggie and I invite you and your lady to attend the 156th Grand Conclave in Waco on April 24-27, 2009.

During the coming year I will strive to be available to all the Sir Knights of Texas whenever and wherever I am needed. Just let me know how I can help you and your Commandery to be your best.

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