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### ***Greetings to the Sir Knights of Texas:***

What an honor to be elected to the office of Grand Commander. I will perform the duties of this high office to the best of my ability and honor to the Grand Commandery of Texas. I congratulate Sir Knight Paul E. Wunsche, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, on having a great year. He has had to make many difficult decisions during the year and I applaud his steadfastness to uphold the laws of this Grand Commandery.

It seems that the last nine years have flown by entirely too fast. I have enjoyed visiting nearly every commandery in the state. Each is unique in its own way, yet they all exhibit true Templar masonry.

I also congratulate our entire officer line for advancing, and a hearty welcome our new Grand Sentinel and new Grand Prelate, Alfred E. Bell.

The District Officers for 2012-13 are:

- District 1 John Elkinton, E: G: Senior Warden
- District 2 Jack Harper, E: G: Junior Warden
- District 3 Bart Henderson, V: E: Deputy Grand Commander
- District 4 Richard Doss, E: G: Standard Bearer
- District 5 Robert Loflin, E: G: Generalissimo
- District 6 Jerry Pingle, E: G: Captain General
- District 7 Gary Freedman, E: G: Warder
- District 8 Clarence Laney, E: G: Sword Bearer
- District 9 Newly Elected, E: G: Sentinel

### **Membership**

Sir Knights, our focus this year is going to be on membership. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization and we are going to set some aggressive and ambitious goals. I plan to reward the Commanderies who have made significant gains in membership. Sir Knight Louis Hopkins is our Membership Committee Chairman and he has several ideas to promote our goals in our 'The Crusade Continues' campaign. You are a vital part of this campaign to increase our membership. I ask each of you to acquire at least one petition for your commandery. Ask a lodge brother to join your York Rite bodies. You will be glad you did.

## **65<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave**

This year, we will be going to Alexandria, VA for the 65<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave, August 8-15. For those planning to attend, please get your registration and hotel reservations in prior to June 1, 2012 to avoid the increase in the registration fee. Registration information can be found in your current Knight Templar Magazine.

### **DeMolay and Rainbow**

Sir Knights, our youth organizations need your help. These premier leadership organizations promote numerous virtues for our youth toward their growth into adulthood. Please encourage your sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters to join and get involved in your local Chapters and Assemblies. You are also needed, as adult leaders, to support the programs of these organizations.

Please plan on attending the last York Rite Conference for the year.

**05/26/2012**

#### **York Rite Conference**

Floydada Chapter & Council  
130 W. Mississippi Street  
Floydada, TX 79235

Registration: 12:00 PM  
Starts: 1:00 PM  
[Wes Campbell](#)  
806-983-1000

### **Festivals**

So far, there are no festivals listed on the web site for the month of May. If you have a festival planned after May and beyond, please get it listed so the companions and Sir Knights in your area will be aware of it and able to attend and be of assistance.

Sir Knights, once again I thank each of you for the honor of being your Grand Commander and the trust you placed in me. I look forward to working with each of you this year. God Bless you, your family, your Commandery, and the United States of America.

*In His Name,*

*H. David Moore,  
Right Eminent Grand Commander*

#### **Food for Thought:**

*Prayer is not a 'spare wheel' that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a steering wheel that directs the right path throughout.*