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2016-2017 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT

To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings:

I will begin as all new Grand Commander's do **by thanking the Sir Knights of Texas for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Grand Commander for the coming year.** This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. We have a number of challenges facing us this year. As a team we know, the Sir Knights of Texas will work together in the best interest of Templary, to help our Order grow and prosper for many years to come.

Combined efforts of your Grand Officers are already facing these challenges head on. Important decisions and changes for the future of Templary in Texas have been addressed in the York Rite Conferences held during the Spring.

According to our Statues "The State of Texas is to be divided into Nine Districts." After many years since realignment, your Grand Officers have developed a plan to bring our districts back to an equitable number of Commanderies per district.

On January 1st of this year, we began a new members program for Texas. Successful in many other Templar jurisdictions. **The Membership Citation Cord Program recognizes those Sir Knights who sign petitions for new Sir Knights to join their Commandery also petitions for reinstatement for those who have been suspended**.

We are asking each Commander to appoint a membership committee for his Commandery consisting of one Sir Knight from every Masonic Lodge in your area. Acting as liaison between your Commandery and the local Lodges. The Commander should also appoint a retention committee to contact any SK who may be in danger of suspension. The retention committees should also contact all SK who have been suspended from your Commandery during the last 10 years. There is a gold mine of members we can bring back into our Order by reinstatement.

This year the Grand Encampment is celebrating their Bicentennial. **Each new SK who joins during this period will receive a special Bicentennial Maltese Cross from the Grand Encampment designating them as a Bicentennial Candidate.** This is a great selling point for new members to join during the Bicentennial Campaign..

Sir Knights, we currently have 58 Commanderies in Texas. Knowing that everyone needs goals to work toward. Your Grand Officers have set many goals for this year. **Our goal for 2016 - bring our total membership back to 8000 Sir Knights in Texas**. **Every Commandery set a goal of Knighting or Reinstating a total of 15 members during this year.** This is an easily obtainable goal and we know that our Commanderies are up to the challenge

The Commandery of Knights Templar is a unique organization with a long and honorable heritage. **We have a great product to offer to the Masons of Texas. Be proud of Templary and promote membership in the York Rite on every occasion.**

Yours in Christ,

John C. Elkinton Grand Commander 2016-2017

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District	Commandery	
1	Dallas Commandery No.6	Paris Commandery No.9
1	Indivisible Friends Commandery No.13	
1	DeMolay Commandery No.20	McKinney Commandery No.34
1	Texarkana Commandery No.64	Tancred Commandery No.82
1	Alexander C. Garrett Commandery No.103	
2	Palestine Commandery No.3	Ascension Commandery No.25
2	Beaumont Commandery No.38	Port Arthur Commandery No.73
2	Taylor Commandery No.85	Piney Woods Commandery No.88
2	East Texas Commandery No.104	Southeast Texas Commandery No.112
3	San Felipe de Austin Commandery No.1	Ruthven Commandery No.2
3	Kenedy Commandery No.61	Fort Bend Commandery No.74
3	Houston Commandery No.95	Park Place Commandery No.106
3	Melrose Commandery No.109	Litt S Perry Commandery No.111
4	San Antonio Commandery No.7	Brownwood Commandery No.22
4	San Marcos Commandery No.56	Corpus Christi Commandery No.57
4	Hidalgo Commandery No.94	St John Commandery No.101
5	Colorado Commandery No.4	Ivanhoe Commandery No.8
5	Waco Commandery No.10	Bertrand du Guesclin Commandery No.14
5	Brenham Commandery No.15	Temple Commandery No.41
5	Lone Star Commandery No.114	++++ **Dist. 6** Cleburne Commandery No.12
6	Worth Commandery No.19	Denton Commandery No.45
6	Weatherford Commandery No.51	Southside Commandery No.83
6	Stephenville Commandery No.100	Arlington Commandery No.107
7	San Angelo Commandery No.28	Vernon Commandery No.33
7	Llano Commandery No.54	Wichita Falls Commandery No.59
7	Stamford Commandery No.75	Sweetwater Commandery No.89
7	Burnet Commandery No.113	
8	El Paso Commandery No.18	Amarillo Commandery No.48
8	High Plains Commandery No.53	Lubbock Commandery No.60
8	Midland Commandery No.84	Borger Commandery No.96
9	Texas Holding Commandery UD No. 200	