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Greetings to the Sir Knights of Texas:

Summer is finally here, and that means summer vacation for many kids around the state, family vacations, Independence Day parades, and of course the ever popular Schools of Instruction. Sir Knight, I encourage you to attend these Schools of Instruction. All officers are reminded they are required to attend one of the schools around the state.

Here is a list of when and where the schools will be held:

District 1 McKinney Commandery #34, July 10, 2010

District 2 Ascension Commandery #25, June 26, 2010

District 3 Melrose Commandery #109, August 7, 2010

District 5 Hillsboro Commandery #39, August 21, 2010

District 6 Southside Commandery #83, August 21, 2010

As the other schools are scheduled, they will be announced here and on the Grand Commandery Website.

Membership

Sir Knight as you man your final preparation for summer, remember to continue to work diligently toward recruiting new members into the Commandery. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of 2000 new members, but we cannot rest. Remember to Contact your District Membership Committee Chairman as you either recruit new or reinstate members in your Commanderies.

Here is a list of the Membership Chairman for each District:

District 1 Louis Hopkins

District 5 Kenneth Miller

District 2 Richard Gaiser

District 6 James G. Dougherty

District 3 Hunter Schappaugh

District 7 William F. Trogdon

District 4 Buster Williams

District 8 Ted D. Hennis

District 4 Juan Garcia Pena Jr.

District 9 Frank Berkley

This Committee will also assist in organizing festivals with your local Chapters and Councils; all you need to do is contact the Chairman for your District. We need every Sir Knight's participation to succeed in becoming the top Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment. It is time for TEXAS to reclaim our rightful spot at number one!

I would like for you to remember one item when speaking to other Masons about

joining the Commandery. We are the only Christian branch of Free Masonry! At our last Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, a resolution was introduced that would have prohibited any other book of religion than the Christian Bible from being used in a Lodge meeting. It was withdrawn before being brought to the floor, but just the introduction of such a resolution means we are not doing our jobs in promoting the Commandery around the state as the Christian part of Masonry. Instead of trying to change the lodge, these brethren should join the Commandery where the Christian Bible is the only book of religion we recognize! We must work harder Sir Knights, and I know we will.

Grand Commandery Website

We are working very hard to improve the Grand Commandery Website, www.texasYorkrite.org, so that information can be sent easier and more effectively. There is a new feature that will allow you to send information to the Grand Officers, and to get festivals posted on the website in a timelier manner. This option will be located on the festival page of the Grand Commandery website, please use it to post your festivals and other events on the website; it will automatically e-mail the event to the Grand Officers and to the web committee. Please use it when you plan your summer festivals. You will need to enter your e-mail address, the subject of the message, and then the text of the message. Also include if you would like the Grand Officers to participate in conferring the Order of the Temple.

If any Recorder is interested in receiving updates from the Grand Commandery via e-mail contact me at meleard@gmail.com and I will put you on the contact list. This will help the Grand Recorders office to save money on postage. We already have several Commandery Recorders who have signed up to receive the General Orders and other Communications electronically.

Sir Knight if any of you would like to see other improvements made to the website please e-mail them to me, and I will endeavor to have the suggestion considered and added if possible.

If any Sir Knight is interested in communicating with other members from around the state or around the country, I would recommend the following website for your consideration, www.masonsoftexas.com. I enjoy reading the articles and discussing issues with the members of this website. Please check it out and become and active member.

Sir Knights, I look forward to working with many of you in the months to come keep up the good work, and together we will success in making The Grand Commandery of Texas the greatest Grand Commandery in the World!!!

Fraternally,

W. David Melear,
Right Eminent Grand Commander