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To the Sir Knights of Texas:

As we begin the hot days of June, we begin an exciting time in our Fraternity. June is the month of installations in our Eastern Star Chapters, Chapters and Councils, and Blue Lodges. I encourage each Commandery to participate in as many flag presentations as possible. Visibility is one of our best tools to gain recognition, and possibly new members. What better way to be visible than to participate in the installations of our Masonic organizations? I know that Melrose Commandery has been presenting the flags at the same Chapters and Lodges for over fifteen years, and has become part of the tradition of their installations. I encourage you to do more than just “Post the Colors”. Recite the portion of the Remaining Attributes that we give to our new Sir Knights. Adapt the presentation for the audience, and make the ceremony meaningful to everyone in the room. Show **CHIVALRY** and **CARING** to these members of our Masonic **FAMILY**, and while you’re at it, have a little **FUN**!

As I mentioned in the last supplement, there are five special areas I want to focus on this year:

The Holy Land Pilgrimage: I have heard testimony for ministers who have gone on our trips. They return to their churches renewed and strengthened having actually walked the path of Christ. They are also incredibly appreciative, and give the Knights Templar full credit for this experience. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee is working to bring fresh ideas to the Sir Knights for raising both awareness and funds. I encourage each Commandery to raise funds and send a minister to the Holy Land.

The Permanent Endowment Fund: This project was approved at the 157th Grand Conclave, and was created to assist our Grand Commandery. The members of the fund purchase a badge, which may be worn on their uniform. The “starter badge” may then have diamonds added as desired until it is complete. The monies generated from this program are used to offset the amount given to the host Commandery for the Annual Grand Conclave. A portion of this fund is also designated for the Holy Land Pilgrimage and the Masonic Youth Groups of Texas. If you would like

more information about the fund, please visit our website. You can find an enrollment form and see the names of those who are members of the fund. I challenge each Sir Knight to add his name to this list!

Penny-A-Day Program: The funds from this program go to offset the every day expenses of our Grand Recorder’s office. I ask that each of you get an empty container (mine is a coffee can) and collect your spare change. Count it, place it in a Ziploc bag, and bring it to Grand Commandery. I’d love to have a “Penny Presentation” during the 159th Grand Conclave!

Rainbow and DeMolay: These young ladies and young men are truly the future of our Fraternity. When asked what we could give to best support these groups, the answer was simply “TIME”. If there is an Assembly or Chapter in your area, let them know that you CARE by attending one of their meetings. Ask if your Commandery can present the flags at installation or a patriotic program. You will be amazed how much these young people will inspire you, and how much **FUN** they are. These are our future Beauceant ladies and Knights Templar – and a very important part of our **FAMILY**.

Social Order of the Beauceant: This is a very special group of ladies, and one that is near and dear to my **FAMILY**! They have been supporting us since 1890, and we need to support them. These ladies become members through their relationship to us – our wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters. Please inform your new Sir Knights that this wonderful organization is available to their ladies. I don’t know what Melrose Commandery would do without our Assembly! They are an integral part of our success, and they deserve our praise and our thanks. If you have any questions about the Social Order of the Beauceant, contact your local assembly or the Supreme Recorder, Mrs. Richard D. Brown at carleneb246@yahoo.com.

I hope that each of you have had an opportunity to visit our website, www.texasyorkrite.org. Sir Knight Michael Blair has been busy improving and updating the information that is available to you.

Enjoy the new officers of your Chapters and Lodges. Enjoy some **FUN** at the ballpark with your **FAMILY**. Promote our **CHIVALRY** at a Flag Day event, and call a Sir Knight you haven’t seen in a while to say you **CARE**.

I’ll see you at Rainbow Grand Assembly at the end of the month...

*In Christ’s Name,
Paul E. Wunsche
Right Eminent Grand Commander*