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

This is the time of year when new officers assume their elected and appointed offices in our Lodges, Chapters, and Councils. I congratulate each of the Sir Knights for fulfilling these vital positions. Our fraternity needs first time officers to step up and relieve those members who have served a long time. And, our older members need to pass down the gavel, encourage and train others to step forward, assuming the responsibility of leadership. Hopefully, you are one of those willing to take that step. This will strengthen the foundation of our fraternity for the future.

**The 159<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave** in Houston has been concluded and many changes will affect us. The following are some of the highlights of the business meeting.

The 1987 version of the Manual of the Asylum Ceremonies has been updated by the Committee on Templar Instruction. The 2012 update was approved and will be put on the web site for download. The committee has worked diligently to complete this task and I congratulate them on their effort.

Also, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery have been updated, with restatements through 2009. These are also on the web site that you can download for your current use.

The Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Form and approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America are on the Grand Encampment web site for your information.

The Finance Committee resolved Resolutions No. 6 and No. 8, concerning Article 41, Retirement Fund, by deleting Article 41 entirely. It was to provide retirement benefits for the employees of this Grand Commandery, namely the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. As this fund was overfunded, the money will be moved to the General Fund and used to finance the future Triennial Conclave expenses of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Finance Committee recommended Resolution 3, to increase the purchase amount of an endowed membership annually by specified amounts through January 1, 2015 to a level of \$1000, beginning July 31, 2012.

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

We will be going to Alexandria, VA for the 65<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave August 10 thru 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**

Our Memorial and Devine Service in Houston collected over \$2000 and will be divided to support our Youth Programs. This is largest amount we have collected.

Rainbow Grand Assembly will be held in Waco on June 22-24.

### **Get involved - Support the Youth**

### **Festivals**

There are Festivals posted on the York Rite Web site for June. If your Commandery is conferring the Orders, please get that information on the list so we can promote the event. If you need assistance with the degrees and the orders, this is the best way get help.

### **Membership**

Recorders: We need your help to recover membership information from your 1983 to present membership changes. This includes all Knightings, affiliations, deaths, demits, and suspensions. Please send this information to our Grand Recorder, Jerry Kirby.

Please remember our Permanent Endowment and Penny-a-Day Programs. Contact R: E: Paul E. Wunsche for information on the Permanent Endowment Fund and R: E: Doc Dixon on the Penny-a-Day Program.

*In His Name,*

*H. David Moore,*  
*Right Eminent Grand Commander*

### **Food for Thought:**

*Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.*