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***+Greetings and Welcome +***

I hope this message finds you and your Commandery in great spirits and working diligently, promoting Templary, in our awesome Masonic Fraternity!

**The Way This Works** – These messages from the Grand Commander, Grand Prelate, or designated contributor, are written/ submitted, and reviewed/edited, a little over a month in advance; we are somewhat limited on space allowed for submissions... Having said that, some information you will receive will be some review of last month, current information, and some forecast of things to come. As for the review, last month (May) included Mother's Day, and I hope that you all spent some time with or remembering your mother... My mother (as yours) is very special; She escorted me to my 1st DeMolay (REAGAN) Chapter meeting, a Rush Party, introducing herself, and me, to the Chapter Dad and the Advisors, making sure I had correctly filled out the paperwork, and more importantly, paid my dues! That was about (40) years ago! DeMolay teaches 'Filial Love', focusing specifically on our Mother's love in the 'Flower Talk', a very popular ceremony that causes the listener to pause and reflect upon this very special person in our lives!

This month (June) includes Father's Day, I hope you will take the time to spend with, or remember your Dad... My father (as yours) is also very special; Typically, Dad showed me 'How To' do many things, made sure the homework was done (then checked it), made sure I made it to the various athletic practices, attended all of the games, and was there to fix or 'clean-up' my messes!

Remember, Ephesians 6:1-3 (KJV), **Happy Mother's and Father's Day!**

**Speaking of DeMolay** – This month, DeMolay International (DI) will convene in Minneapolis, MN, where one of our own, SK Carl Wesley Wunsche, Jr. will assist with presiding over the DI Congress, as Intl Congress Sec; SK Wunsche, only 2nd Texas DeMolay elected as a DI Congress Officer since DeMolay came to Texas in 1921; The first DI Congress Officer, Jay Ronald Aldis, who served as International Master Councilor, 1987-88; Both of these young men are from Reagan Chapter #203, Houston, Texas, and we are very proud of them and their service to DeMolay and Texas Freemasonry. The Texas State Conclave will occur in Austin, Texas, July 18-21, 2013, with Brother Sean Waldrop, State Master Councilor, presiding; Please make every attempt to be there!

**Our WEBSITE – ([www.texasorkrite.org](http://www.texasorkrite.org)), has been updated . please take a look at SK Blair's handy work... Great Job Michael!**

**Texas Rainbow** – Also this month, beginning June 21, in Frisco, Texas, Texas Rainbow will convene their annual Grand Assembly, with the regular form and beauty that we have come to expect from the beautiful and talented young women of Texas Rainbow; I am confident that all will be well, with Ms. Boston White presiding! As with DeMolay, Texas Rainbow continues to prosper and I would encourage you to attend one of their local Assemblies and watch the work they do and lessons they impart, not just to their candidates, but to you as well... Our best to you all and keep up the great work!

**Did You Know** – Not only Masonic Lodges/ Eastern Star Chapters can sponsor a Rainbow Assembly or a DeMolay Chapter, but any Commandery can as well, and they NEED YOU! There are number of Senior DeMolays involved with Texas Freemasonry, specifically, with Grand Commandery; Our PGC SK H. David Moore, received his 60Year Service Certificate/ Pin from DeMolay, at the 160<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave, and he is but one of several PGC, who are Sr. DeMolays, not to mention many PGHPs of the Grand Chapter, PGMs of the Grand Council and PGMs of our Grand Lodge, and our current MEGHP, SK Tommy Chapman and yes, your Grand Commander, me! These youth need our sponsorship and advisor-ship; **Offering your time to Texas Rainbow and Texas DeMolay, I assure you, it will be an investment in our future!**

**160<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave** – I hope that you attended our 160<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave, in Addison, Texas, it was a great event, with good food, comfortable rooms, and it was well organized; I am very proud of R.E.: H. David Moore, for a 'Job Well Done'! I am also extremely pleased with the POSITIVE and PROACTIVE action we took to be fiscally responsible... No one wants to raise per capita or our annual dues, but it was a must, merely to operate our Grand Commandery more effectively and efficiently. As the Finance Committee reported, "We cut the budget as much as possible, but it was not enough to prevent a continuation of balancing our budget by using funds from our investments!" Then, after SK Michael Blair, PC, moved that we change the per capita to what we need, from what we think we could get by with, and you supported that motion, I was simply overtaken with pride in you all... THANK YOU for being responsible and doing the 'right thing'!

**Membership** – Our 2013 Templar year is underway. I know all our efforts are re-focused on membership; In May, I outlined the 2013 Membership Program and its potential benefits to both the Commandery and to the individual... Since then, we have added 'Reinstatements' (with payment) to the mix; (recovery of previous active members is very important to the life of your Commandery and our Grand Commandery! Just so you know, membership in TX York Rite reflects < 10% of membership of Grand Lodge, chances are good to find a new York Rite member with some ease, ask your Masonic friends if they are members, offer them the opportunity to enhance their Masonic knowledge and enjoyment and to complete their Masonic membership, by joining a Chapter, Council, and Commandery, it's not that difficult and I believe they will actually enjoy the lessons learned... not to mention, it is still cost effective, considering what all you attain for a minimal investment

– Remember to enjoy your Templary, get involved...

***+ H. Bart Henderson + Grand Commander + 2013-2014 +  
 "Do right, and risk the consequences!" - Brother Sam Houston***