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2016-2017 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT

TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF TEXAS, GREETINGS:

As we begin another long, hot, Texas Summer it brings with it many activities for the Commanderies in Texas. It also brings us **opportunities for service to God, our Country and our Order.**

Schools of Instruction

The Grand Officers will be conducting **Schools of Instruction** in all districts during the months of **June, July and August.**

All officers are reminded that you took an oath when you were installed to uphold the Statues of the Grand Commandery. Article 113 "...all the officers of each Commandery situated in such District to attend at the time and place designated by the Grand Commander or his representative..."

If an officer is unable to attend the School of Instruction in his district he may attend the school in another district for credit.

A statewide makeup school will also be held:

- **Conducted by Deputy GCommander, SK Jack M. Harper, II,**
- **When: Saturday, August 20, 2016,**
- **Where: Asylum of Waco Commandery No. 10.**
- **Registration will begin at 8am. The school will begin at 9am.**
Lunch will be served at Noon and the school should conclude by 3pm.

Flag Presentations

During the months of June and July the Eastern Star Chapters, the Masonic Lodges, and the Chapters & Councils in Texas will be holding their Annual Installation of Officers. **This is a great opportunity to show off Templary to non-masons as well as non-York rite masons.** Every Commandery should contact these bodies in their area and offer to present the flags at their installation of officers.

This is a challenge to each Commandery in Texas: to see if we can have more flag presentations in 2016 than have ever been done in previous years. Get out and work Sir Knights you may receive great benefits for your Commandery.

The month of July also gives us the opportunity to hold flag presentation during Fourth of July celebrations. Many Commanderies participate in parades and ceremonies on the Fourth of July. Now is the time to be planning these activities. Show off your Commandery to the public at large as we celebrate the great freedoms that were afforded to us by our forefather.

Stated Conclaves

Officers the oath you took at Installation also included attendance at all meetings of your Commandery. If you cannot attend it is your responsibility to find your replacement. Once you have a pro-tem you should contact your Commander to inform him who will be taking your place at the meeting. If you cannot find a pro-tem you should notify your Commander in sufficient time for him to find your replacement. There is no reason that a Commandery should not hold a Stated Conclave because of the lack of a quorum. There should always be twelve Sir Knights at every meeting of your Commandery.

Yours in Christ,

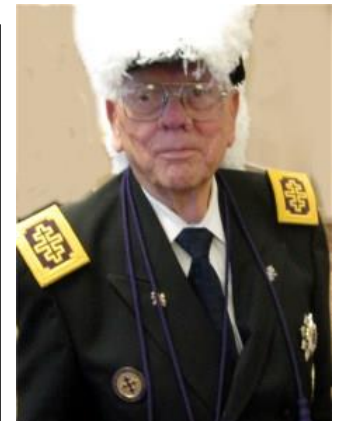
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**Memorial to our beloved
 Sir Knight**

James McCorry Willson, Jr.

**Born: Nov 30, 1921
 Died: April 9, 2016**



Texas Masonic Leadership:

- R:E: Grand Commander - 1972-1973**
- M:I: Grand Master - 1987**
- M:E: Grand High Priest - 1978**
- M:W: Grand Master - 1981-1982**

Grand Encampment Leadership:

- R:E: Department Commander 1985-1988**
- R:E: Grand Treasurer - 2006-2016**
- M:E: Honorary Past Grand Master - 2009**

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