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## 2017-2018 Texas Supplement

To the Sir Knights of Texas,

### 164<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave

The 164<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave was a rousing success! **I would like to thank Sir Knight John C. Elkinton, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and his Planning Team for a job well done!**

The new schedule starting on Thursday worked **extremely well, and our attendance and participation was up.** I am proud to report that all but three Commanderies were present. No doubt that one of the highlights was the amazing Pass in Review that was held; truly seeing all the Sir Knights together was an awesome sight. **We also Chartered a new Commandery – Terrell No. 115! I would also like to congratulate our newest Knight Templar Cross of Honor recipients: Jolly Bill Witten and Ted Armstrong.** Both Sir Knights are an inspiration to us all; and I extend congratulations to you both – and to your Commanderies for recognizing your service to Templary. Finally, I would like to **congratulate Sir Knight Gary Rock on his election to Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas.**

### Communication

Sir Knights, we live in a day and age where communication is both instant and important. Some of us might still read the newspaper, or listen to the radio. Others might watch a 24 hour news channel, some will read an internet news site, or even an internet blog. What we are realizing is that no longer do we want to wait 24 hours until tomorrow's 10 pm news; we are now asking for it immediately, and on demand. Thus, your Grand Commandery will place a strong emphasis this year on communication. **We will ensure that your website, ably managed by Sir Knight Michael Blair, has the information, news, and calendar dates you are looking for. We will also be placing more emphasis on social media and our Facebook page. You can find us on Facebook as "The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas". Our presence on Facebook will be managed by Sir Knight Ricky Cox; thanks are extended to both of these Sir Knights!**

**Please send any upcoming degree work to Texas York Rite**

Remember to contact Michael Blair to add any upcoming events for the Texas York Rite Calendar His email is: [mblair1@gmail.com](mailto:mblair1@gmail.com)

**Also share them with our Facebook page**  
[www.facebook.com/GrandCommanderyTexas](http://www.facebook.com/GrandCommanderyTexas)

## Important Dates

Your Grand Commandery Officers will be "out and about" this year:

May 6<sup>th</sup> -Conferral- Order of the Temple for San Angelo Commandery No. 28

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Chartering a new Commandery, Terrell No. 115!

I would like to encourage each of you to support your local Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Eastern Star Chapter during the summer months as elections and installations occur.

While you will be busy during this time, **please do not forget to attend your District School of Instruction – it is required for ALL officers to attend, and all Sir Knights are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend your own District school, you can attend any other District School of Instruction during the year.**

We also have scheduled a **Statewide Makeup School of Instruction to be held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in the Asylum of Waco Commandery No. 10.** Registration will begin at 8:00 am and the school at 9:00 am. The school will be conducted under the direction of Sir Knight Richard Doss, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

Please enjoy your summer, and the time you spend with family, friends, and your loved ones; always remember to tell them how much you love, support, and appreciate them.

Finally, if there is ever anything that your Grand Officers can do to assist you or your Commandery, please do not hesitate to contact us - we are here to serve you.

**Sincerely and Fraternally,**

*Jack*

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**Grand Commander 2017-2018**

" Non Nobis, Domine, Non Nobis, Sed Nomini Tuo Da Gloriam"

(Not to us Lord, not to us, but to Your Name give the glory).