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To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings and Happy Independence Day.

The Fourth of July Holiday brings back the childhood memories for me of trips to the fire works store followed by a trip to the beach. Our extended family would always come together for a day of sailing, fishing, and cooking out. I remember taking turns cranking the **old White Mountain ice cream machine** and it always seemed enjoyable. The highlight of the day occurred at dusk when we would burn through all the day's fireworks purchases. I am sure that each of you has similar memories, but we would like to take a moment to remind everyone of **why we celebrate the Fourth of July.**

The American Revolution had been underway for approximately one year when the 2nd Continental Congress took up the issue of Independence. **The Declaration of Independence was finalized and adopted on July 4, 1776.** This document formally established the **13 Colonies as independent sovereign states and no longer part of the British Empire.** With our victory at Yorktown, we established a new form of government and ultimately **this lead to formation of Our United States of America.** Even after **238 years,** the American Declaration of Independence continues to serve as inspiration countless other nations and groups.

This year take time to thank our founding fathers for their dedication and commitment to the cause of our freedom.

As always we look forward to visiting and hearing from you as we travel across the state.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert Loflin
Grand Commander 2014-2015

Schools of Instruction

Sir Knights, you are encouraged to attend a District School of Instruction in the coming months. **The intent of the Conclaves and School of Instruction is to assist the subordinate Commanderies in their preparation for the Official Visit.** Plus, it is our Grand Commandery's device to maintain good ritual work across the state of Texas.

Attendance at the School is required by Article 113 of Our Statues and Regulations for all officers of the subordinate Commanderies and is also a requirement for the Commander and Recorder individual Merit Award.

New for 2014: The Grand Officers will review the **alternate nine man opening.** Make plans to attend your district school and if you miss it plan on attending a different School. Check with your Recorder or visit the Grand Commandery Web Site to find out when your School is scheduled.

Upcoming Events from the Texas York Rite Calendar

What: Big County York Rite Bodies 2-day Festival in their

Where: 109 S. Wetherbee Stamford, Texas .

When: begins Friday July 25/continues Saturday July 26,

Contact Jerry Pingle at 325-338-3015 or
jlpingleklown@yahoo.com **for more information.**

What: Austin Area York Rite Bodies - Council Degrees

When: **Saturday, August 9, 2014.**

Registration starts 0800 Degrees start at 0900hrs.

Where: 311 W. 7th Street Austin, Texas.

Contact Charles Maddox at charlesemaddox@gmail.com

What: Gulf Coast York Rite College Summer Festival

When: Saturday, August 16, 2014

Where: Holland Lodge No.1

4911 Montrose Blvd, Houston Texas.

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