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## **2015-2016 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT**

**To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings:**

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July:**

At this time may we all pause to thank our founding fathers for all their dedicated service and sincere commitment in the cause of freedom for our country.

### **+SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTIONS+**

Once again it is time for our District Schools of Instruction. I encourage each of you Sir Knights to attend at least one school within your area. This practice will aid and assist you and our entire Grand Commandery in maintaining good ritual work throughout the state.

**Attendance at the Schools of Instruction is required for all officers of the subordinate Commanderies according to Article 113 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Texas. Commanders and Recorders must attend to qualify for the Merit Awards.**

The Alternate Nine-Man Opening was a big success, and I heard very good reports from the Sir Knights and Commanderies around the state. This will be continued during the 2015-2016 Templar Year.

### ***UPCOMING SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION THAT HAVE BEEN SET ARE AS FOLLOWS:***

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| District 4- | Corpus Christi Commandery #57               |
|             | July 25, 2015      Registration 11:00 a.m.  |
| District 6- | Denton Commandery #45                       |
|             | July 25, 2015      Registration 8:00 a.m.   |
| District 8- | Amarillo Commandery #48                     |
|             | August 15, 2015      Registration 9:00 a.m. |

## ***JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> MESSAGE:***

Independence Day or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, is a very special day to citizens of the United States of America. It is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by Congress, on July 4, 1776.

**It allows us to celebrate what could be considered the birthday of our country, and with that the founding of this great republic that we call our home.**

Many of us have ancestors that felt drawn to leave the land of their birth and all that they knew, to come to this country and work to become citizens and bestow the gift of citizenship on us, their decedents, and the opportunity to enjoy greater success than they did.

**But why, of all the countries on Earth, did so many sacrifice so much to become citizens and part of this great land of ours?**

As we enjoy the parades, concerts, firework displays and time with our loved ones on this birthday of our great country, **let us keep in mind what so many people in the past and the present have known. That freedom, and the opportunity to enjoy the American Dream that this land offers to its people, is something unique and a blessing that God Almighty has bestowed on this country and in turn to us its people.**

**May God continue to bless the United States of America, Amen.**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to you and yours.

**Message was prepared by Sir Knight Judge Risley, Grand Prelate.**

Remember to report all special events and festivals to our webmaster:

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### **+GREAT TEMPLAR QUOTE+**

Templar is truly a fearless knight, and secure on every side,  
for his soul is protected by the armor of faith,  
just as his body is protected by the armor of steel.  
He is thus doubly armed and need fear neither demons nor men.

*-AD 1135 by Bernard de Clairvax-*