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**SIR KNIGHTS OF TEXAS:**

The month of July brings us to the middle of our Summer activities. **Many Commanderies will be participating in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades, Flag Presentations, Picnics, and celebrations.** We hope your Commandery has plans to celebrate this great American event with activities that will bring attention to Templary.

**As we celebrate the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our great country we hope you and your family will be able to enjoy the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.** The “American Experiment” started by our founding fathers continues to grow and change as the world we live in changes. **Please pause and remember those countless numbers of Patriots who fought and died to win the freedoms we enjoy as a free nation governed by the people, for the people.**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Events**

**Monday, July 4, 2016 – Centerville – Parade – 8:30 am**  
 Parade will begin at High School – Templar Float

**Monday, July 4, 2016 – College Station – Flag Presentation – 5 pm**  
 George Bush Presidential Library

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**Please remember to support our Templar Charities**  
**With your prayers, your service, and your gifts:**

- +Holy Land Pilgrimage+**
- +Knights Templar Eye Foundation+**
- +Knights Templar Educational Foundation+**

All of our Templar Charities are doing great things for our fraternity and the world at large. **These charities touch the lives of countless millions in the United States and worldwide.**

We hope you will find the ability to support them in some way.

**164<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave**  
**Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas**  
**April 20-23, 2017**  
**South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center**  
**League City, Texas**

**Sir Knights,** the Grand Commandery officers hope you will begin now to make plans to attend the **164<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave in April 2017.** We have plans for activities which have not occurred in many years. We want every Commandery to be represented on this occasion.

Because Easter in 2017 falls on April 16<sup>th</sup>, our Conclave will be moved to Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope this will allow many Sir Knights and their Ladies the ability to attend and participate.

Please watch for future supplement issues and our website as the details become available.

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**Schools of Instruction**

**Saturday, July 23, 2016 – District 8 – Amarillo**  
 Lunch and Registration at 11:00 a.m.  
 School commencing at 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 30, 2016 – District 8 – Midland**  
 Lunch and Registration at 11:00 a.m.  
 School commencing at 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 20, 2016 – Statewide Make-up School – Waco**  
 Registration at 8:00 a.m.  
 School commencing at 9:00 a.m.  
 Lunch at Noon

For a full list of upcoming events please visit website at:  
[www.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.yorkritetexas.org)

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Please remember to notify our Webmaster, SK Michael Blair with any items of importance for our York Rite Calendar at:

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*Yours in Christ,*  
*John C. Elkinton*  
*Grand Commander 2016-2017*