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To the Sir Knights of Texas:

I received true inspiration in attending the Friday and Saturday evening sessions of the Grand Assembly International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Waco in June. My personal thanks to the following Sir Knights who assisted in presenting the colors at the Saturday evening session and participated in the line to receive the Grand Master of Texas Masons, Thomas F. Griffin: R.E Past Grand Commanders Jerry Mann and Leonard O. Pierce; Sir Knights Max W. Stone, Jr., Richard Vaughn, Charles Campbell, and Joseph I. Koonce.

The young women of the Order of Rainbow and the young men of DeMolay are truly the hope of the future for our fraternity and influence for all that is good in our country. As this message is being prepared, I am making plans to attend the official opening of Texas State DeMolay Conclave in Austin on July 17. I have been asked, and it will be my honor, to bring greetings from the Grand Commandery to the DeMolays there assembled.

Education of our young people is vital. The Grand Commandery of Texas seeks to assist deserving college students achieve their educational goals by granting scholarships twice a year to approved applicants. These awards are made from funds maintained by the Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a resident of Texas and must have completed at least thirty college hours. The completed application and all required supporting information must be received by June 1 for the fall semester and by October 1 for the spring semester. To be considered for award, an application includes several completed forms, high school and college transcripts, SAT and/or ACT scores. A recent photograph and recommendations from three personal references and three course instructors.

In the month following the deadline for submission of the applications, members of the Educational Committee and other dedicated Grand Commandery officers meet to evaluate the applications. The recipients are presented their scholarship awards in an open meeting of a Blue Lodge or other Masonic body, so that the Masonic family may know what Templary is doing for the youth of the community.

To make a donation to the Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation, or to request a scholarship application for a deserving young person, you may contact the Grand Recorder at (214) 651-6070.

In His Service,

William E. Matyastik
Grand Commander

COMING EVENTS

- August 16, 2008** **McKinney Chapter and Council Degrees:**
Contact: Lee Nodell, High Priest (214) 223-4803
- August 23, 2008** **McKinney Commandery Orders:**
Contact: Grant Anderson Commander, (214) 435-5396. 215½ Kentucky St. McKinney, TX
- Sep 13, 2008** **Henderson Chapter 361 and Council 298.**
Chapter and Council degrees only. Breakfast and registration at 7 am. Contact Russell Brown at russell@rcbrownlaw.com , 903-657-8553.
- Sep 26/27, 2008** **Tarrant County York Rite Festival:** Tarrant County will confer the Chapter and Council Degrees and Commandery Orders in festival style. Most Worshipful Thomas F. Griffin, Grand Master, will confer the Order of the Temple. Contact: Jeff Bennett 817-372-3399, or Larry Whitfield 682-557-6166.