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To the Sir Knights of Texas:

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us. This means sweltering heat, flying and biting pests in abundance and the notion that school is right around the corner. I am also reminded that our Schools of Instruction in all 9 Templar Districts are about to be concluded and I trust that they have been exciting and beneficial to all the Sir Knights who were able to attend. These schools are mandated by Grand Commandery Law and in the past generally have had poor attendance. Schools are presented in every District to help the Commanderies prepare for their Official Visitations.

Resolution No. 5: This resolution, presented and adopted during the 156th Grand Conclave held in Waco, Texas on 27 April 2009, states:

Be it resolved that The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas create, support, and maintain a “Penney-A Day” program resembling that of The Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM.

Be it further resolved that the monies generated by this program be used to support the everyday operating expenses of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas.

Sir Knights of Texas, we are approximately 9.5 thousand plus strong at this time. Consider that if every Sir Knight sent the Grand Recorder a check for \$ 36.50 this would bring into Grand Treasury \$346,750.00. This would be a significant increase in our overall fiscal well being. I have sent to the Grand Recorder my check for \$36.50. How about you? Will you follow my lead and send your check to support this worthwhile program?

The Grand Commandery Officers assigned to represent the Grand Commander in the nine Templar Districts for the year 2009-2010 are:

V:E: W. David Melear --- District 8

E: Paul E. Wunsche ----- District 6

E: H. David Moore ----- District 7

E: H. Bart Henderson ---- District 5

E: Robert M. Loflin ----- District 1

E: Jerry L. Pingle ----- District 2

E: John C. Elkinton ----- District 4

E: Jack M. Harper, II ---- District 9

E: Richard Doss ----- District 3

I know through my own experience that you will welcome these hard-working Sir Knights into your asylums with love, esteem and respect. They are there to assist you in your endeavors to improve your Commanderies in every respect. Please utilize their talents by giving them a call. I, too, am also at your service, and my phone and email are available 24/7.

Finally, I regret to announce the passing of Robert E. Barclay (1915—2009), who served as our E: Grand Prelate in 1956 for then R:E: Grand Commander J. Marvin Pugh.

In His Name,

Dock F. Dixon, Jr.

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York Rite Festival announcement: Fort Worth Masonic Temple – Sept 11-12 – Chapter Degrees begin @ 6:45PM on 11th; remaining Degrees and Orders begin @ 7:00AM on 12th. Meals served one hour before start. Festival in honor of **R:E: William L. Blanks, PGC**. Contact Larry Whitfield, (682) 557-6166; lwhitfield123@att.net.

Remember to submit Festival and other items of Templar interest/importance to the Texas Page Editor. His contact information is listed in the masthead. Send him anything you believe should be of note for and/or published to the Sir Knights of Texas. His deadline is the 25th of the month a full month prior to the issue in which it is requested to be published; for example, for the September issue, your submission must reach him by July 25th.