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To the Sir Knights of Texas:

As we began to welcome the month of August, summer is winding down, kids are getting ready to start back to school, and we are preparing to stand inspection. I would encourage each of you to put forth extra effort towards learning your parts this year. This year, I plan on recognizing the Sir Knights who do the best at each part, per district, during inspection.

I have recently had the privilege of representing the Grand Commandery of Texas at the two Masonic youth organizations; International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International state meetings. These are great organizations! If you have never had an opportunity to visit either of these two organizations, I would suggest that you find the one in your area and visit as they love visitors. The Masonic Youth groups need our support, so if you have any free time, please consider working as an advisor. I speak from experience when I say it is a gratifying and rewarding opportunity.

Membership

Sir Knights, Membership is going great, but please do not slow down, we must press forward with fortitude undaunted if we are to meet our goal this year. Please work to set your festivals before October. Remember, if you need help just contact the Membership Committee member for your district. If you cannot remember who that is, please check our website, or you can contact me and I will be happy to help. Membership is our number one goal this year; if we grow we can support all of our activities. Membership reminds me of the story when Jesus fed the five thousand. You remember the story, he took the 5 loaves of bread and the 2 fish and divided them among the disciples and they fed the large crowd until everyone was satisfied, and they did not run out of food.

If we look to God for help, I believe He will provide us with new members until we are satisfied. All we need to do is to believe in Him and believe in what we stand for, and our brethren will see the goodness in our organization, and they will want to join. It all starts with you.

August is the month to celebrate friendship, and what better organization to celebrate than the Commandery. Take this opportunity to talk to your closest Masonic friends who are not members of the Commandery and invite them to join.

Just a quick note: Several members have inquired about voting on new members. Chapter 50 in the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas covers balloting and its procedures, and Article 320 Secrecy, describes that the ballot must be secret and the reason for the secrecy.

The Grand Commandery of Texas will be hosting a Grand Commanders School of Instruction this year in Dallas. Everyone is welcome to attend. For those of you who have been unable to attend a school, this will be your chance to attend and receive credit. You must have permission from your Inspecting Officer to receive credit. The Grand Officers will be filling their stations for the school and you are encouraged to attend and GRADE the Grand Officers on their work. The date for the school is set for the second weekend in September; all other details will be posted on the website.

Fraternally,

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Right Eminent Grand Commander***

Festivals

McKinney Commandery No. 34 August 7 and 14
Courtesy candidates accepted.
Contact Lane Pierce, 972-809-6680 or Gene Terrell, 972-727-7741