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Greetings to the Sir Knights of Texas:

As I begin writing this article, the Summer Solstice is just a day away. Summer is here already and by the time this supplement is in your hands the daily temperatures will be approaching 100 degrees on a daily basis. Some lodges and Commanderies will be dark for the summer. Summer activities will be under way and vacations will be taken. But this is not the time to cool off on getting new members.

As you know by now, membership increase is the emphasis of this year's goal. New members are always the main drive in beginning a membership program. But new members are only a part of the equation of increasing membership. **RETENTION** is also part of the program. Where have the members who used to attend the conclaves gone? How about the newest members who have not begun to attend? Have you attempted to find out? Or have you just let them join your ranks but not attempted to get them involved? Some just need a phone call or an invitation to go with you on Commandery night.

Be sure your mailing, email, and phone lists are up to date and that all members are notified of all commandery events.

The third part of the equation of a membership activity is **REINSTATEMENTS**. This goes along very closely with Retention. A member who has dropped out in the past year or more, may just need a call or invite to join the commandery for dinner or a ride to the meeting to rekindle an interest in rejoining. You may need to reexamine your commandery and/or the members to ascertain the reason that may have been a factor for someone not attending.

And finally, create an atmosphere within the members that each person is an important asset to the commandery. Assign a Mentor to each new member. The signers on the petition would be ideal as a Mentor, because they may know the new member better. Let them know how much they are wanted and offer assistance in learning how the commandery operates. The Mentor should keep in touch with the new member on an ongoing period.

Everyday is membership day in the continuing Crusade to increase our membership.

DeMolay and Rainbow

Get involved - Support the Youth

Festivals

Corpus Christi York Rite Festival – August 18

Place: York Rite Temple at Baldwin and Terrace.

Registration at 7:00 AM, Chapter Degrees begin at 8:00 AM.

Ft. Worth York Rite Festival(Honoring R.E. and R.I. Joe Orona) –
September 21-22

Place: Fort Worth Masonic Temple,

1100 Henderson St. Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Sept 21: Eat @6pm. Chapter Degrees @7pm

Sept 22: Breakfast @8am Chapter/Council in AM.

Commandery Orders after lunch.

McKinney York Rite Festival – September 22 and 29.

Registration at 7:00 AM

Degrees to begin at 8:00 AM both days.

Fundraising

Please remember our Permanent Endowment and Penny-a-Day Programs. Contact R: E: Paul E. Wunsche for information on the Permanent Endowment Fund and R: E: Doc Dixon on the Penny-a-Day Program.

65th Triennial Conclave

We will be going to Alexandria, VA for the 65th Triennial Conclave August 10 thru 15. For those planning to attend, please be advised that there will not be a Texas Breakfast as in the past. Please come by to see us in the Texas hospitality room and enjoy our Texas hospitality

***H. David Moore,
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Food for Thought:

All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either