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To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings.

We hope you are staying, or at least trying to stay cool and enjoying the Summer.

This year, the latter half of the Summer brings quite a few York Rite Festivals across our state. Is your Commandery participating in one of the Festivals? If not why aren't you? If you have candidates and don't have the resources to sponsor a Festival then make arrangements to send your candidates to one of the scheduled Festivals. Make sure to act on your petitions in a prompt manner. Remember, each petitioner has taken their first step in becoming a member by completing the petition and it's our responsibility to make sure we act on the petition while the petitioners interest is at its peak.

Once, the new Sir Knights return from their knighting, the real work begins. What does your Commandery do to engage your new members and keep them interested and enthusiastic about the Commandery? Do you provide a meal and fellowship? Educational programs or assign a mentor to them? What about your existing membership? Where are the Sir Knights who used to attend? Did you welcome them when they attended? Did you just give them a ritual and sit them in a chair? Or ignore them on the side line?

Take time to review your Commandery's organization and decide if you are **creating an atmosphere that supports new member development and integration while encouraging existing members.** You can bring in all the new members you want, but if you don't **give them a reason to become active and attend the meetings they will drop out.**

- +Remember Act on the petition
- +Engage the New member
- +Encourage the Participation of your existing members.

As always we look forward to visiting and hearing from you as we travel across the state.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert Loflin
Grand Commander 2014-2015

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Scholarships

With school preparing to start, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you about the **Educational Foundation Scholarships. To be eligible, an applicant must have completed at least 30 college hours and be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Texas.** The application deadline for the Fall Semester is June first and October first for the Spring Semester. Applications are available from the Grand Recorder, the Grand Commandery Website, or a member of the Committee. If you know of someone who is in need and meets the requirements help them out and give them a application.

Upcoming Events from the Texas York Rite Calendar

What: **McKinney York Rite Festival**

When: **Saturday, September 6, confer Chapter/ Council Degrees.**
Saturday, September 13, confer Commandery Orders.
Breakfast started at 8am on both days.

Contact Roger Jacobsen at rogerajacobsen@gmail.com for more information.

What: **Tarrant County York Rite Festival**

When: **Friday, September 12 /Saturday, September 13.**
Dinner starts at 6pm on Friday followed by the start of the degrees.
Festival resumes on Saturday at 8 am.
Location: **Ft. Worth Masonic Temple**

What: **Austin Area York Rite Bodies conferring the Council Degrees**

When: **Saturday, September 13, 2014.**
Registration starts at 8am Degrees start at 0900hrs.
Location: **311 W. 7th Street Austin, Texas.**
Contact Charles Maddox at charlesemaddox@gmail.com for more information.

Correction: We made a mistake; yes it happens occasionally, **in the June supplement and apologize for the error.**

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry Martin received the Knight Commander of the Temple and not the KTCH award as stated.

Remember to notify Michael Blair, Our Webmaster at mblair1@gmail.com with any updates to the York Rite Calendar