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TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF TEXAS GREETINGS:

The month of August brings us to the hottest month of the Summer. It also brings us to one of the busiest months of the year. Your Grand Officers will be meeting in August to discuss plans for your Grand Commandery. Some of our schools of instruction have been completed but you still have several opportunities to attend a school. **The Statewide Make-up School to be held in Waco is available for those who could not attend the school in their district.**

General Order No. 3: covers the membership program of the Grand Commandery was recently mailed to your Commandery. Commanders please begin to follow these guidelines as soon as possible.

Together we can make a difference in membership.

**REMEMBER THE THREE "R"s
RETAIN, RESTORE AND RECRUIT.**

Part 1 – Retain the members we currently have.

Part 2 – Restore the members we have lost.

Part 3 – Recruit new Master Masons for the York Rite.

MEMBERSHIP CITATION CORD AWARD

To recognize those members who have recruited new members for their Commandery or have restored to membership those who were lost by suspension or demit, we have adopted the Membership Citation Cord Award. The Citation cords will be worn on your uniform to acknowledge your achievements in membership. Please review General Order No. 3, on our website for full details and application. New members are the lifeblood of any organization. Please work to help the York Rite grow.

Texas will be hosting the members of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, August 24th - 28th at League City. If you are a member and would like to attend please visit the Convent General website at www.yorkrite.org for registration and hotel information.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Saturday, August 20, 2016 – Statewide Make-up School – Waco
Registration at 8:00 am
School commencing at 9:00 am Lunch at Noon

Saturday, August 27, 2016 – District Four School – Corpus Christi
Registration at 9:00 am
School commencing at 10:00 am Lunch at Noon

For a full list of upcoming events please visit the Grand Commandery website at: www.yorkritetexas.org

Please remember to notify our Webmaster, Sir Knight Michael Blair at: mblair1@gmail.com with any items of importance for our York Rite Calendar.

INTERNET USERS

In this technological age, many of our Sir Knights and their families use the Internet to find information. This is usually accomplished by using a Search engine. **If you and your family will register to use www.goodsearch.com they will pay proceeds to the charity of your choice. You can designate the Grand Commandery of Texas to receive those proceeds. Each time you use the Internet to find information you will be helping your Grand Commandery fund its programs and operations.**

PENNY-A-DAY PROGRAM

The Penny-A-Day program was created to help the Grand Commandery of Texas to fund the its day-to-day operations. We ask every Sir Knight who can afford to help to give \$3.65 each year to support this program. Commanderies are also invited to participate by donating \$3.65. Donations should be mailed to the Grand Recorder in Red Oak, Texas.

*Yours in Christ,
John C. Elkinton
Grand Commander 2016-2017*