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**TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF TEXAS,**

As the end of summer is upon us, it is time for us to rejuvenate ourselves, and prepare our **Commanderies** to be ready for **Inspection**. Your Grand Officers have dedicated themselves to doing everything they can to assist you to be ready. They have, or will be soon, conducting your District Schools of Instruction. They will be going over the various tactics with you in order to help you be successful, and to achieve the highest score possible. They are an excellent resource; please ask them any question you might have now as it's easier to prepare for the Inspection at this early juncture. Lastly, they will be looking to set the Inspection dates for the entire District at the School of Instruction. Please come prepared to be able to select your date so that the Grand Officer can set the schedule as early as possible.

**Visitation**

One of the joys of being a **Sir Knight (and a Mason for that matter)** is **the ability to visit other Commanderies**. I know the joy it brings me to be able to visit all of my friends, Brothers, and Sir Knights in Christ as I travel about the State of Texas. I would encourage you to travel and visit other Commanderies, and to establish new bonds, and to be able to perhaps learn some new best practices. **The ability to travel and see others lets us learn (perhaps) some new ways to do things, to learn new membership recruitment concepts, to meet new friends, renew existing friendships, or to find out that unbeknownst to you, you just met a Sir Knight that you ended up being related to!** That's what the joy of visitation can bring. As you travel and visit others though, please remember to be careful in your constructive comments as to how they might perform the ritual, or in how they do things. **If you see they need help, perhaps instead of telling them they are wrong, or in making facial expressions (which can hurt feelings as no one is perfect), how about offering to help and lend a hand? See if they need help filling a Station, or perhaps you know enough to be able to provide some instruction?** If not, remind them that they can avail themselves of their Templar Instruction Committee member.

**Knights Templar Educational Foundation**  
**Scholarships**

With school preparing to start, I 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 1 and October 1 for the Spring Semester. Applications are available from the Grand Recorder, a member of the Committee, or the Grand Commandery Website at: <http://www.yorkritetexas.org/commandery/forms/lodge/KT-scholarship-form.PDF>.** If you know of someone who is in need and meets the requirements, be sure and help them out and give them an application.

**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017** – Dist1 - Alexander C. Garrett Commandery 103.

Registration at 8:00 am; School at 9:00 am.

**Saturday, August 12, 2017** – Dist 2 Ascension Commandery 25.

Registration at 8:00 am; School at 9:00 am.

**Saturday, August 12, 2017** – Dist 4 – San Marcos Commandery 56.

Registration at 9:00 am; School at 10:00 am.

**Saturday, August 12, 2017** – Dist 5 – Ivanhoe Commandery 8.

Registration at 12:00pm; School at 1:00 pm.

**Saturday, August 26, 2017** – **Statewide Make-up School – Waco Commandery 10.** Registration at 8:00 am; School at 9:00 am.

**Saturday, August 26, 2017** – **Houston York Rite Festival Melrose Commandery 109** Degrees Start at 7:00 am.

For a full list of upcoming events please visit the Grand Commandery website at: [www.yorkritetexas.org](http://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.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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