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To the Sir Knights of Texas:

We are approaching the halfway mark for this Grand Commandery year! By now, I am sure that you have planted the seeds for the winter harvest. While you are waiting for the crop to come in, remember that the seeds of York Rite Masonry can only grow if they are watered and nurtured. Be steadfast in your duty to every Master Mason, especially those recently raised, to ensure that they have the same fraternal opportunity that we have enjoyed -- to become a member of an Order that is founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues.

Thank you, Sir Knights, for your commitment to Templary and for your dedication to the Craft. Without you the Grand Commandery of Texas would not exist. As we look ahead to the remaining portion of this Grand Commandery year, I would like to encourage each Commandery to recognize that special Sir Knight who stands ever ready and always provides outstanding and exemplary service to Templar Masonry. Consider the **Excalibur Award**.

This service award was developed in the early 1990's, and has now been in existence for more than fifteen years. The original award was and still is a stone with a gold toned sword embedded in it. The stone rests on a base having a plate with the name Excalibur and the year presented on the top of the base. This award, and the inscription, has remained the same from its inception -- which has preserved the high quality and integrity of the award. The main qualifications for receiving this award are that a Knight Templar performs outstanding and exemplary work for Templar Masonry and his Commandery. Also, he cannot have served as Commander for the first time during the three years preceding his receipt of the award, nor as Grand Commander during the preceding five years. The award is not intended to recognize someone merely for being a presiding officer. If your Commandery has not recognized a deserving Sir Knight this year, I encourage you to do so.

ATTENTION RECORDERS:

The Grand Commandery has been informed by the Internal Revenue Service of a new requirement that affect small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns. Beginning in 2008 (for tax year 2007), they will be required annually to submit electronic notice (e-Postcard) Form 990-N. This applies to all tax-exempt organizations that are not required to file Form 990 because their gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less. Those currently filing Form 990 should continue to do so. The filing requirement is under the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and applies to all subordinate Commanderies.

For more information, you may visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/co.

In His Service,

Thomas W. Snyder
Grand Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 8** **Alvord and Denton Council's 100th Anniversary Celebration**
Stanfield Lodge
316 West Highland Street, Denton, TX
Grand Council Open at 10:00AM
Lunch Provided
- September 14 & 15** **Tarrant County Centennial Festival**
Masonic Temple
1100 Henderson Street
Fort Worth, TX

September 14: Degrees start at 6:00pm
Contact: Larry Whitfield southside1114@sbcglobal.net
- September 15** **Waco York Rite Festival**
Registration at 7:00AM
Degrees start at 8:00AM
Contact: Tony Uzzell at 254-235-7270
- September 15** **San Antonio York Rite Festival**
San Antonio Scottish Rite Library and Museum
Registration at 7:30PM
Contact: Gerald Nowotny nowot@hotmail.com

Grand Chapter, Grand Council & School of Instruction

October 4th through 9th -- Waco, Texas

For more information & a schedule of events, visit
www.texasryorkrite.org