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To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings.

September, and the Labor Day Holiday, traditionally brings what most consider as the end of the summer. While we tend to think of the summer months as slower paced and relaxing, September proves quite the opposite. **Labor Day** is celebrated the first Monday in the month. The Holiday was created in 1894 to celebrate the contributions of American Labor to the Nation. In **Texas history**, September 5, 1836 marks the day **Brother Sam Houston** was elected President of the Republic of Texas. More recently and on a more solemn note, **September 11, 2001** saw the multiple terrorist attacks on our Great Nation. Finally, on September 14, 1814, **Brother Francis Scott Keys** wrote the words to our National Anthem while a British Prisoner of War.

As you can see, many important events have occurred during the month September. For Us as Knights Templars, September brings an end to the District Conclaves and Schools of Instruction and a start to the District Inspections. Those of you serving as a Commandery Officer will be busy practicing for the inspection. For the rest of the Sir Knights, plan on attending your Commandery's inspection to show your support to the officers and meet the inspecting officer. We also encourage you to have an actual candidate for the inspection.

Conferring the **Order of the Temple** on an actual candidate is a requirement for the **Dale Miller award** and it helps the participants by allowing them to focus on the candidate rather than the inspection.

+Good luck to you all.+

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

Optional Opening Ritual Update

The Optional Opening Ritual adopted at the 161st Grand Conclave is available on the website. You will need to log into the secure portion of the website to access the ritual. If you have already registered you can use your existing log in a password. If not, you will need to create a log in and password. Contact the Webmaster if you need assistance.

Knights Templar Educational Scholarships Update

The Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Committee met July 12, 2014. **38 students received \$1000 scholarships with one student awarded a \$2000 scholarship.** Funding for the scholarships was split equally between the Knights Templar Education Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Committee. **The Deadline for submitting an application for the Spring Semester is October 1, 2014.**

Upcoming Events from the Texas York Rite Calendar

What: **East Texas York Rite Festival (hosted by YR College #140)**

When: **Saturday September 27, 2014**

Location: **St. John's Lodge, 323 W.Front St., Tyler**

Registration begins at 6:30am Degrees start at 7:00 am

Contact Richard Gaiser at rgaiser1@aol.com or 903-571-3841 for more information.

What: **San Antonio York Rite Festival**

(hosted by: - San Antonio Chapter 381, Council 14, and Commandery 7)

When: **Friday October 3 & Saturday October 4, 2014.**

Registration begins at 6:00pm Degrees start at 7:00 pm (Friday)

Location: **Scottish Rite Cathedral, 308 Avenue E, San Antonio**

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