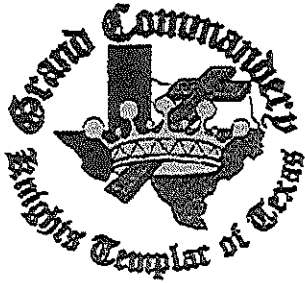


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TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF TEXAS

We've talked a lot this year about the need for Visibility, and I believe that is essential for our continued service as Knights Templar. The most important aspect of being Visible is the need to educate the uninformed of our purpose; that is to promote Christianity. Please, don't ever miss an opportunity to tell everyone that we are Christian Masons. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Being visible in our communities opens the door of conversation to be a witness of our belief in Jesus Christ.

Our Knights Templar uniform is very unique ! It can identify us as Knights Templar as readily as the Fez identifies the Shriner ! We just have to get before the public at functions in our communities where Templary can be represented in a positive way. All Knights should be proud to be recognized as Christian Masons.

Speaking of Visibility... As you read this article, We have completed the 63rd Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave held in Houston in August. Sir Knights, you can be very proud of our Texas Drill Teams that represented you in a most impressive manner. I was extremely proud of those dedicated members of Texas Drill Teams.

I also want to take this opportunity to especially thank Right Eminent Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Ken Fischer and Lady Arleen ! They have represented Texas Templary for the past 12 years and have made us all proud. The 63rd Triennial was truly a "Class Act" due to the efforts of Sir Knight Ken and his staff of volunteers. Ken, how proud we are of you !

The following article was sent to me from the Internet. The Author is unknown, but there is definitely some food for thought

Why Go To Church

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church on Sunday." I've gone for 30 years now " he wrote,"and in that time, I have heard, something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the Pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher : " I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals, but I do know this... they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today !"

When you are Down to nothing... God is up to something. Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible ,and receives the impossible ! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment ! When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

In His Service

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Dates to remember

October 12 & 14 -- Austin York Rite Festival, 311 West 7th St.
October 14-- Waco York Rite Festival, 8th & Washington St.