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### *To the Sir Knights of Texas:*

To the Sir Knights of Texas I bring to you greetings from your Grand Commandery and its Grand Officers. I wish for each of you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving season. As I was perusing the Internet, Wikipedia gave to me some very useful information. Did you know that the very first Thanksgiving was celebrated on 8 September 1565 when 600 Spanish settlers in what is now St. Augustine celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for their safe voyage to the new world.

On 4 December 1619, thirty-eight English settlers arrived at Berkley Hundred, on the North bank of the James River in Virginia. Their Charter required that the day of arrival be celebrated yearly as a day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving in the early days seemed to alternate between strictly church services and Feast days.

As President, George Washington proclaimed on 3 October 1789 (paraphrased) that it was the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will and to be grateful for his benefits. He recommended that Thursday, 26 November next be set aside as a day of Thanksgiving.

The U.S. Congress, Passed a Bill requiring that the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November be set aside as an official and legal Holliday to observe Thanksgiving. President Roosevelt signed this into Law on 26 December 1941. See Statute 862 (1941).

Please give attention to and attend the November Visitations which are as follows:

District One	SK Robert Loflin, E:G: Junior Warden			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
McKinney No. 34	Nov 14	0800	0900	
DeMolay No 20 (Greenville)	Nov 14	1300	1400	
Paris No 9	Nov 14	1800	1900	
Indivisible Friends No 13	Nov 19	1800	1900	(Sherman)
Tancred No. 82 (Midlothian)	Nov 21	0800	0900	
Denison No. 24	Nov 21	1700	1800	

District Two	SK Jerry Pingle, E:G: Standard Bearer			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
Palestine No. 3	Nov 21	??	1500	
Taylor No. 85	Nov 28	??	0800	(Gun Barrel City)
Texarkana No. 64	Nov 28	??	1400	

District Three	SK Richard Doss, E:G: Sentinel			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
Fort Bend No 74 (Cleveland)	Nov 7	0900	1000	
Litt S. Perry No. 111	Nov 7	1800	1500	(Lake Jackson)
San Felipe de Austin No. 1	Nov 21	1200	1300	(Galveston)
Kenedy No. 61 (Baytown)	Nov 21	1800	1900	

District Four	SK John Elkinton, E:G: Sword Bearer			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
San Marcos No 56 (Seguin)	Nov 14	??	0900	
Gonzales No. 11	Nov 14	??	1300	
(Both of the above will be held in Seguin in San Marcos' Asylum)				
Llano No. 54	Nov 17	??	1800	
Hidalgo No. 94 (Brownsville)	Nov 21	??	1300	

District Five	SK H. Bart Henderson, E:G: Senior Warden			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
Teague No 91	Nov 7	??	0900	
Ivanhoe No 8 (Bryan)	Nov 7	1200	1400	
(Both of the above will be held in Bryan in Ivanhoe's Asylum)				
Waco No. 10	Nov 13	1800	1900	
Hillsboro No. 39	Nov 14		0900	

District Six	SK Paul E. Wunsche, E:G: Generalissimo			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
Denton No 45	Nov 14	??	0900	
Godfrey No 37 (Bowie)	Nov 14	??	1300	
Arlington No. 107	Nov 23	??	1830	

District Seven	SK H. David Moore, E:G: Captain General			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
Sweetwater No 89	Nov 6	1800	1900	
Stamford No 75	Nov 7	0730	0900	
Abilene No 27	Nov 7	1200	1400	
Wichita Falls No 59	Nov 21	?	1000	

District Eight	SK W. David Melear, V:E:G: Deputy Grand Commander			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
Amarillo No. 48	Nov 6	?	1900	
Plainview No. 53	Nov 14	?	0900	
Lubbock No. 60	Nov 14	?	1400	
Borger No. 96	Nov 16	?	1900	

District Nine	SK Jack Harper, E:G: Warder			
<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Visit</b>	
El Paso No. 18	Oct 28	??	1900	
Odessa No. 110	Oct 29	??	1900	
Midland No. 84	Oct 30	??	1900	

*In His Name,*

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