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### 2021-2022 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT

# Greetings Sir Knights,

We, as Americans, celebrate the founding of our Country every July by remembering our forefathers who established the United States of America. Our Masonic history teaches us that many of the great men who were a part of the creation of this Republic were Freemasons (George Washington, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, etc.). My invitation for each of you is to take a few moments this month to reflect on how Freemasonry helped to shape this Country of ours.



In this modern world that we now live it is more important than ever to hold on to our Masonic principles and beliefs. Loyalty, inclusion, sacrifice, resilience, commitment, and patriotism are embedded in our teachings as Freemasons and Knights Templar. Our asylums and lodge rooms will always be places for Brethren of different backgrounds and vocations to meet and have fellowship exchanging ideas, building relationships, providing support/assistance and forming a bond of friendship that will last a lifetime. Our fraternity unites men of good character with a shared belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Mankind. As we celebrate the birth of our Nation, let us give thanks for the freedoms we have to become members of this Great Society we call Freemasonry.

With the summer months heating up, so are our Masonic activities. Our Commanderies, along with our appendant bodies, are holding meetings, participating in parades, and reaching out into our communities. When at all possible, Sir Knights, please make this a family affair. Bring your spouses and children to all public Masonic events. Allow them to see the pride you hold in being a member of these Fraternal Organizations.

## Committee Chairman Spotlight - Alfredo Gonzalez

If you have been on Facebook then you already know who Alfredo is. He along with the Sir Knights of El Paso having been doing impressive work in the Commandery for quite a while now. Alfredo is the current Membership Chairman for 2021-2022. He and I encourage each of you to participate in the Member Citation Cord Award Program that is outlined in General Order No. 2. <a href="http://commandery.yorkritetexas.org/forms/GeneralOrders/2020-2021-GENERAL-ORDER-No-2.pdf">http://commandery.yorkritetexas.org/forms/GeneralOrders/2020-2021-GENERAL-ORDER-No-2.pdf</a>.

This is an opportunity to recognize our first line petition signers by awarding them a colored cord to be worn on their KT uniform.

### **Covid Reminder**

Sir Knights, please continue to follow all state and local decrees in regards to social distancing and other Covid related safety initiatives. We are all excited about participating in our fraternal bodies, but please remember to practice caution when applicable.



In closing, I would like to leave you with a scripture: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Sir Knights, take the time to enjoy the fellowship that you have while attending a lodge meeting. Life is too short not to take advantage of the opportunity to visit and enjoy one another's company.

