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**2022-2023 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT**

**Greetings Sir Knights,**

What a privilege to serve as your Grand Commander for the next Templar year. I am enthusiastic, honored, humbled and to be honest, frightened.

Taking the reigns from a great Templar and great man like Right Eminent, Sir Knight Ronnie Wilson means I have a lot to live up to. He performed his duties as Grand Commander with distinction and honor and I thank him for the example he set and his mentorship and guidance as I look forward to serving the Knights of Texas.

We have an exciting year ahead, with lofty goals, fun events and hopefully a good deal of fellowship. I pray we make a positive difference on your experience in Chivalric Masonry.

**New Programs**

If ritual study and teaching are your interests, check out the new Certificate Program and the Grand Commander's Ritual of Excellence award. Look under the General Orders section of the Website for details. It's there for your benefit.

**Meet the Grand Officers**

If you enjoy getting to meet the Grand Officers, simply invite them to attend your stated conclave, they are ready to meet you. If you like to see the Grand Commander, I plan to visit as many of you as I can. Keep an eye on the website for my updated schedule. My visit is not for business or pomp and circumstance, but to get to know you and your Commandery. Let's have a meal together and enjoy each other's company. Working together to make a difference in this fraternity.

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**Conferring the Order of the Temple and Installing Officers**

If you want a Grand Officer to confer the Order of the Temple, contact any of us, we are more than willing to help. Any new Knight I confer the Order of the Temple on will receive a special version of our new lapel pin. If you want a Grand Commandery Officer to install your officers, call one of us, it would be an honor.

**Social Media**

We have a new Web Master (SK Gabriel Jagush). We are hoping the new site will be more helpful and easy to use. One goal this year is to work with your Recorders and get the officers and meeting dates for every Commandery updated and a process put in place to keep them that way. We are also experimenting with a new communication tool. If your Recorder has updated your MMS records with a correct email address, you will begin receiving information from the Grand Commandery through email. If you haven't, get it done quickly so you can stay up to date with everything going on. Be sure to thank SK Michael Blair for his long service as webmaster, we are in his debt.

**In Conclusion**

Space is short so I will conclude with this. Make a difference to your Commandery and to Masonry in general. Let us, the Knights Templar, become the group other Masonic Bodies turn to for help. I promise you; you are one person that can make a difference.

God Bless you and God Bless the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas

*Richard R. Jernigan*

Grand Commander 2022 – 2023

