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2019-2020 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT

Greetings Sir Knights,

Hope your year has started well. I think that all our inspections have been completed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our commanderies for your hard work, dedication, and effort.

In traveling around our great state of Texas, I have had the opportunity to visit many masonic lodges. During my visits, **I have discovered that there are many brothers who have no idea what the York Rite is about.** This means that we need to do a better job getting the information out to the lodges.

I have had the chance to read **two excellent pamphlets on the subject of York Rite Masonry and what it is all about:**

One is entitled A Message for the Master Mason.
http://commandery.yorkritetexas.org/forms/AMessageforTheMasterMason.pdf

The other is entitled A Brief Application of The York Rite to Daily Life.
http://commandery.yorkritetexas.org/forms/ABriefApplicationoftheYorkRitetoDailyLife.pdf

On page 4 of A Brief Application of The York Rite to Daily Life it states:

"Masonry is the ocean of fraternity and every Mason should strive to sail its broad expanse, because its profound solemnity and matchless beauty can never be appreciated by those who merely wade in the shallow waters at the shore. The tides of time have rolled mighty waves upon its bosom and the storms of centuries have lashed the billows into foam upon its surface, but beneath there have remained, undisturbed and immutable, the principles of the brotherhood of man...No mason should deny himself the privilege of knowing at least the salient features of our fraternity, and we owe it to the ancient and honorable institution to learn enough of its teachings to grasp their deeper significance..."

These may also be obtained as printed booklets from the Grand Royal Arch/Grand Council RSM office in Waco, TX. These two booklets are great to use when giving an explanation at a lodge when you are invited to talk about York Rite Masonry.

Another book, that I recommend for the mason to read, is a book entitled **Born in Blood by John J. Robinson.** This book gives a complete history of the Knights Templar and other masonic information.

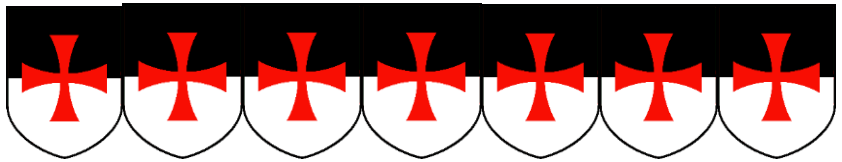
I believe that the more we learn about our degrees and orders; the better we can communicate to our brothers in the Blue Lodge about the York Rite.

When we are asked to talk about the York Rite, we should be ready. It has been said that we ought to learn something called an Elevator Speech when the opportunity comes to talk about York Rite Masonry. The Elevator Speech is like being in an elevator and having someone ask what the York Rite is. Be ready to give the explanation when it happens.

Please consider these books and understand what the degrees and orders are about. Nothing happens accidentally. We need to be ready. Please continue all your hard work and effort so we will have the best year in York Rite.

In His Service,

Clarence J. Laney **Grand Commander 2019 – 2020**



167TH GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

WHERE: WACO, TEXAS
(WACO CONVENTION CENTER)
+724 WASHINGTON AVENUE+

WHEN: WEDNESDAY APRIL 14-SUNDAY 19, 2020

ACCOMODATIONS:

Hilton Hotel on 113 S. University Parks Dr., Waco, TX.

Check out information online and make reservations.
http://commandery.yorkritetexas.org/Grand-Communication.php

This is just a reminder that every Commandery needs to have a representative present.

All commanders are required to attend.