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*for 9/14/19
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J.C.*

On behalf of the citizens of Menard County, please accept our sincere appreciation and utmost gratitude for the gift of the San Saba Mission Chalice. This priceless artifact, believed to have come from the Misión Santa Cruz de San Sabá, is a powerful and tangible reminder of the heroic sacrifice of the dedicated Franciscan missionaries who brought Christianity to the San Saba Valley and Central Texas over 260 years ago.

We want to especially thank Mrs. Judy Lively and all the members of the Burnet County Heritage Society for making this possible. Their generous spirit and sense of civic duty is inspiring, and much appreciated.

Given the importance of this priceless Spanish Colonial artifact, we will initially put it on display in the Menard County Courthouse. It will be appropriately positioned under our copy of the famous 1765 mural depicting the destruction of the mission and the martyrdom of Fray Alonso de Terreros and Fray Jose de Santiesteban. Once our Presidio Museum and Learning Center is built, the chalice will be the featured artifact.

The selflessness demonstrated by the Burnet County Heritage Society establishes a high ethical standard which reflects well on them and all the citizens of Burnet County.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Cordes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. T. Kelley". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "K" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Terrell T. Kelley, Colonel, USMC (Retired)

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