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A Message from the Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

It has been a pleasure serving as your Right Eminent Grand Commander. This will be my last Supplement article for the Knights Templar Magazine. I have enjoyed writing these articles and hope you have found them interesting. I thank SK Barry Newell for editing and submitting the Supplements to the Editor of the magazine.

It has been a wonderful year and we have accomplished a few things that were on my "to do" list: A Festival, Holy Land Pilgrimage applicant, and visitations.

We managed to hold a Festival where seven new members were knighted. I am very thankful that Twin Falls Commandery #10 hosted the Festival and to all the Sir Knights who attended and helped in the Orders of the Temple. I believe five of our six Commanderies were represented. Let us all keep giving further York Rite light to those less informed.

The Grand Commandery received an application from a Pastor to attend the Holy Land Pilgrimage Tour. We do hope he gets to travel to that sacred ground and that he returns safely and will give us a report of his experience at a future Idaho Grand York Rite Session.

I certainly enjoyed the companionship of SK Bruce Wethered, EGSW, who accompanied me on many of my journeys. His

navigational skills were wonderful, and it kept me on course wherever we went.

Working with Jeremy Vaughn, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Rick Rowe, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, was exciting and we accomplished in keeping the Idaho Grand York Rite moving in a positive way. I look forward to their leadership in the coming years in helping build the Idaho York Rite Bodies into larger membership numbers.

To all the Sir Knights who traveled and represented me and the Idaho Grand Commandery, I give my thanks and adoration of your service to the fraternity. We have a wonderful group of Knights who will go out of their way to serve any and all.

I do hope we all can make concerted effort to increase our membership numbers by keeping an active Membership Committee in our Commanderies and utilizing all the wonderful tools the Grand Encampment Membership Committee has put together for our use. It is the responsibility of all Sir Knights to endeavor to get new members to keep our Grand Commandery moving into a future that we all can enjoy. Also, remember that all Christian Masons should be Knights Templar.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with many of you at our 117th Annual Conclave of the Idaho Grand Commandery to be held on Saturday afternoon, April 18th, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

May the Blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ remain with us all.

Jerry D. Parsons Right Eminent Grand Commander



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