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Greetings Sir Knights,

A new calendar year is upon us. Traditionally we tend to make that a time for change and fresh starts, typically in the form of New Year's Resolutions. I am sure that each of you probably has something in mind that you would like to improve upon in the coming year. Some resolutions are major life changes, and some are simply small adjustments in the way we act, or even think.

We all know that many News Year's Resolutions fail, some much quicker than others, but many succeed, at least partially. Success is dependent on many factors. How import the change is to you certainly plays a big part, but how realistic your goal is to begin with, and the plan you have to reach it are very important factors as well. If you find you have to revise your goal or your plan along the way, do not take that as a failure, just look at it as a course correction and continue moving forward.

I encourage all of our Sir Knights to try to find some way to "improve" their participation in Templary, and their home Commandery in particular. Perhaps you could attend more meetings this year or try to bring someone with you each time you go. You might plan to participate in some events with your Fraters in your Grand Commandery, such as Easter, the Annual Conclave or the Line Officers Seminar. Maybe you could resolve to learn a part in our Orders, serve as an officer or on a committee, or simply improve your "sword work" in the ritual.

In order to improve our Commanderies, inspections have long been a part of Templary. For the past two years we have suspended them, in favor of local workshops for our members, held in their own asylums. This year we have reinstated the inspections for each Commandery but kept the workshops as well. Now, as the new calendar year starts, it is time to begin those evaluations, to see how well the workshops helped you improve your work so that our Commanderies may thrive.

As this new year 2020 begins, let us all resolve to find some way to

improve ourselves, not just because it is a new year, but because we should always improve, and grow. May we all continue to strive to be the best we can be, and to serve our Lord and Savior by serving others as his disciples and in His name.

Yours in His Service,
SK Richard F. Muth
Grand Commander

Some Upcoming Events – Save these dates!

April 10 – Good Friday

April 11 – Wreath Laying, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

April 12 – 90th Annual East Coast Easter Sunrise Service

May 15-17 – 167th Annual Conclave, Cranberry, PA

A Letter from the Grand Prelate:

Greetings Fraters!

Please read St. Luke 2:22-39

The season of a new year has arrived in our regular calendars and many of us are making plans for what we hope to accomplish in 2020. We make plans for our families, for our careers, for our Commandery activities, etc., for each of them has a schedule for their activities. We often find that we get very comfortable with all these usual routines and begin to think that we can anticipate what our future activities will be.

In St. Luke's Gospel we read about Simeon and Anna who were living their lives on God's time. Simeon had been told by God that he was to live in anticipation but he was not given a precise timeline to know when God would fulfill His promise to send a Messiah. Anna spent her days in the Temple compound. They both lived their lives alert to the presence of God. On particular day, their hopes were fulfilled! They met and recognized the promised Messiah.

In the midst of our ordinary time, God has ways of surprising us too by interrupting our usual expectations. We are encouraged to be on guard to see what God is doing in our lives or the lives of those around us. How it happens is up to God. It may be the people we meet, or the opportunities we have to help one another in our communities. Through our prayers we may receive a word from the Lord. The big question is, are we listening? I pray that you are.

Courteously,
Rev. and SK David A. Eichelberger PDC, KCT
Grand Prelate