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From the Grand Commander:

Another year has started. I am really hoping for a dryer year than our last two. All that rain has put many of us way behind the 8 ball The festive holidays of December are also behind us and now we get down to work – again

The Inspection Season has a slow late and light start with Robert Macoy Commandery being inspected at 9am on 11 Jan in the Madison Masonic Center. The other January Inspection is at 9am on 25 Jan in Marinette. The Inspection is during the day so please do something and come out, <u>fill in the sidelines</u> so we can see why so many chairs were put into these Lodge Rooms. Maybe you will see a friend that you haven't seen in a few years. In the four Inspections in February I am sure that you would meet more friends, even some you haven't met yet.

If you have 25 – 29 or 50 + years of service for your Commandery then please do make arrangements to arrive at your Commandery Inspection and Homecoming for the Order of the Temple plus partake in the Banquet they have put together. Everyone should be happy to see you present on the sidelines.

St Omer Commandery # 19 KT, located the Grand Commandery KT Homecoming and Inspection Traveling Trophy amongst the items that were discovered because of their move. Many thanks go to SK M Shelton of St Omer Commandery # 19 KT for this discovery. Because of this discovery the Traveling Trophy will be immediately put back into display for the Homecoming and Inspections until the "new" rules for its traveling are finalized. This trophy started in 1961 and began marking time in 1994.

The Annual Reports are due in at the end of January. Preparing the budget for the Grand Commandery is based off of these reports. It takes some time to gather the necessary information for that budget. The reports are not that difficult; get them in by the due date

Inspections

11 JanDiv 2Madison25 JanDiv 4Marinette1 FebCom 24 Milwaukee8 FebDiv 1Eau Claire15 FebCom 11 Oshkosh22 FebDiv 3Burlington

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From the Deputy Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights!

Happy New Year! With the dawn of a new year many of us will make resolutions. While many of our resolutions may not stand the test of time, most are intended to improve ourselves: to lose weight, quit smoking, or simply to be better in some way. This year I would like to propose a resolution that will not only improve you, but will improve our fraternity and our community. Why not resolve to do just a little more in Commandery this year?

Many of us are already giving great effort to advance our craft, but even a few more minutes can have a great effect. Maybe we can learn a new ritual part, take on a project, organize a meal, or simply attend a few Orders to support our candidates. Perhaps we can simply spread the word of our craft and maybe recruit a new member! Remember the old question of 'How do you eat an elephant?' As you already know, the answer is 'one bite at a time.' If we can all take just one more bit, we can make our Commandery.... our Grand Commandery better.

Homecoming and Inspection season is winding up as you read this. What better way to help your commandery than to help with Inspection. Inspection season offers an opportunity to refresh old friendships as well as start new. Some of my dearest friends live a distance away and attending inspections gives us an opportunity to gather and help our draft, while we catch up on life's milestones. Visiting other commanderies for their inspections gives us more opportunities to visit and help one another. None of our commanderies are so strong as to not need some assistance with inspection. This is your chance to do something small to help in a big way.

My wish for you all is a joyous and prosperous new year. May god bless you and yours. May all of our commanderies grow and prosper. I hope to....

See you in the Asylum!

Courteously.

Charles "Mick" Olson
Deputy Grand Commander