

## KANSAS TOPICS

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Salute to the Sir Knights of Kansas,

I have spent the first few weeks of the new term traveling to the homes of the Grand Officers in an attempt to get them their Commandry regalia. I have enjoyed the scenery and visiting with the Sir Knights. In going to see Sir Knight Jamie Carwell, REPGC, in the northeast part of the state it was a particularly beautiful drive. I have never been to that corner of the State and I see why he chooses to live there. It reminded me of the beauty of our State and the beauty of our Nation. This month we will once again celebrate our Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>. In fact, if you close your eyes you can smell the burgers and brats cooking on the barbeque grille. You can envision the kids running around with handfuls of fireworks blowing up every ant hill insight, (among other items). You can see the night fireworks lighting up the evening sky and hoping no one gets burned with the sparklers. This is all in celebration of our Great Nation.

Although we don't light fireworks in celebration of Knights Templar we should. The Knights Templar of old were known as fierce fighters. They won most if not all battles in which they were engaged. They fought to make the world a better, safer place in which to live. We have a vast collection of Sir Knights equally as fierce, ready to enlighten Masons with further education and guidance. Their goal is to bring even more light to Blue Lodge

Masons, who are already outstanding men, and in doing so making them better. We truly have a group of Sir Knights who go above and beyond to see our craft flourish. When the time comes for us to resume our labors, they will be the first to respond. We still have much to accomplish this year so keep your uniforms ready and your swords polished for I fear it will happen fast. As you are aware Blue Lodges are beginning to meet again, and I am in hopes, will be able to have festivals and inspections soon.

Let us remember during this month of independence the many adversities our Nation and Knights Templar have endured. This is a time of growing stronger. A time we should take to strengthen our minds, study the ritual and become better at degree work or even learning a new part. As the time approaches for us to meet again, let us be sharper in our degree work instead of rusty. Let us strive to impress our incoming Sir Knights and keep Knights Templar proud.

In closing, I want you all to know that I am here for you. Any suggestions, ideas, or thoughts you may have; please share them with me. Keep yourselves and your families safe and healthy. Until we meet again.

God Bless you,

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