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**Sean M. Tomasic, Grand Commander**

Greetings Sir Knights:

It is with much gratitude and humility that I greet you as the Grand Commander of our great Grand Commandery. I will be forever grateful for the honor that you have bestowed upon me. Over the last five years I have traveled throughout our Grand Commandery and met so many dedicated Sir Knights, sharing ideas, information and concerns. These interactions, along with my faith and love of templary, have led me to develop my theme for the upcoming Templar year – CHANGE. I have therefore selected St. Paul/Saul of Taurus as the focal point for a number of reasons.

There are a number of foundational characteristics regarding St. Paul that are appealing to me and I believe to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery. St. Paul is attributed for much of the New Testament, whether direct writings or writings about his life and faith. As we know St. Paul has been labeled as the founder and leader of the early Christian church. Paul was a Roman citizen, but born to a Jewish family. He spent a good part of his life persecuting Christians but that all changes one day on the road to Damascus. He was stuck down by a blinding light and Jesus asked him – Why do you persecute me? After three days he was given back his sight and was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Thus, what can we learn from St. Paul at this point? No matter where you find yourself, you can CHANGE. We as Templars need to reflect our Templar lives and our personal lives to understand if a change may or even must be needed. Knowing that change needs to happen – and can be a good thing -we also can incorporate other symbols and characteristics of St. Paul that can be used as examples and guides for us in Templary: namely his leadership, the Holy Bible (his writings) and the sword.

There is too much information surrounding CHANGE that I want to share with you, but of course the space is limited here. In the coming months, I

will be able to share with you this information directly through our website and our communications along with the magazine supplement. Please look for them.

As I write this, we all are going through CHANGE in our personal lives. We are all living through the Coronavirus Pandemic. Uncertainty and concern are with us every day. I pray for all SKs, their families and loved ones. Please stay safe. Our Government and Masonic leadership guidance and policies will direct us back to normalcy.

Courteously and fraternally,  
SK Sean M. Tomasic, KCT Right Eminent Grand Commander

### **A Letter from the Grand Prelate:**

Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62 (NIV)

Nothing has prepared us for the societal changes we are facing now. As sure as the sun brings light to the darkest night, and then drops beneath the horizon at the coming sunset, change is part of God’s world. When new opportunities come your way be receptive to them and put forth an honest effort to gracefully find your way through life’s changes. Stay calm and ask God for the knowledge needed to overcome these new circumstances that confront you.

Ask Him for clues to the blessings that will come.  
**Heavenly Father, help me to know in my heart that Your plan is at work.**

Rev. & SK Orville R. Jones, HPC. IKT. GP

### **Some Upcoming Events (dates are scheduled, but tentative until confirmed due to the pandemic):**

June 28 – St. John the Baptist Day celebration, Elizabeth, PA

July 25 – Testimonial for the REGC, Green Tree, PA

August 15 – One-Day Conferral of Orders, Reading, PA

September 19 & 20 – Gettysburg Memorial Weekend

October 1 – Holy Land Pilgrimage nominations are due.