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Greetings, Sir Knights—

I pray this missive for June 2020 finds you all in good stead and remaining safe. The disruption of so many lives due to the "China Virus" (aka COVID-19) has created much uncertainty as to day to day life and the future, that has yet to unfold its mysteries before us. However, some things remain within our fragile control. One being, our education, the furtherance of our personal enlightenment. If offered any opportunities of time, we should seize those moments to read about subjects of interest to us, to perform research on topics of interest, and to prepare research papers that will enlighten others. One such subject of obvious interest for consideration may be Freemasonry; however, we are supposed to be learned men and therefore should not impose upon ourselves limits to our enlightenment. I encourage all of us to seek out and delve into the many realms of academia composed of mathematics, literature, history, chemistry, physics, astronomy, biology, anatomy, and the list continues. There are also the esoteric studies of alchemy, numerology, astrology, metaphysics, etc. to be considered for the expansion of our educational background. I am currently coordinating with the Eminent Grand Recorder to have two bibliographies placed on the Grand Commandery website, in the "Forms" section as reference documents. One bibliography has been prepared by SK Karl Reith, REPGC. The bibliography is an extensive listing of books addressing the subject of the Knights Templar. The second bibliography is a listing of selected books addressing the subjects of leadership, attitude, listening, selfdevelopment, and a few that are considered as "essentials", providing the framework from which you can fully take control of your own leadership development. I believe both of these

bibliographies will offer any individual a great source for books that will open the doors of additional knowledge and the furtherance of your personal enlightenment. For those who will begin their journey to enlightenment or for those who may be continuing upon that path, I wish you well and may our Lord and Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, guide you on your journey.

My prayers will be with you and for you.

May the Blessing of GOD, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost be upon you and your families.

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"

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