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“Surround yourself with really good people. I think that's an important thing. Because the people you surround yourself are a reflection of you.”

-Aaron Rodgers

Greetings Sir Knights,

Well, March is here. The first breath of Spring waits for us to prove the validity of Hope. We will meet in Annual Conclave just a few days before the Spring Equinox when Winter is past and new life begins to unfurl everywhere, right before our eyes. What a miracle.

It's time for us to begin afresh as well. We will elect officers, set policy and make decisions that will influence our path forward for generations. I hope you will be a part of that with us.

For me, it's bittersweet. I have had the extreme privilege to be in the presence of two truly grand men, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Tom Bridges and Most Illustrious Kevin Wood. Gentlemen, your frequent company has left lifelong memories I will cherish. I am a better man just by having known you.

To my Officers and District Officers, thank you. My old mentor once told me to “Always hire people smarter than yourself and choose friends you can grow into.” How wise he was. You have shown me the true value of good men doing good work. I know I have asked much of you, and I thank you for going beyond the call. You are all “Just and upright Masons.” I am so hopeful for the future in the hands of so many committed and competent men who have a passion for the Fraternity and the initiative to make those hopes and plans result in something our grandchildren and generations yet unborn can be proud to be a part of.

You have much to be proud of right here, right now. We added many new Sir Knights, cleaned up lots of administrative data, held a magnificent Castle Order where there were 40 knightings, we redesigned the Knights Templar Education Fund, sent two ministers to the Holy Land and raised, in total, over \$17,000.00 for the Pilgrimage. Due to the relentless efforts of a few committed men, we saw three struggling Commanderies come back from not being able to meet, who are now active thriving. All this was your doing. Brothers becoming one focused force for the good of the Order and for the benefit of Mankind. We saw kindness, generosity, hospitality and assistance in unexpected places and watched new Sir Knights grow and develop. I see a well-placed resurgence of pride in our Order and in the future we are shaping today.

Thank you for being so supportive and eager to do the Good Work. I can truly say that I have had the time of my life.

With all Fraternal fondness and respect,
-Michael Daniels Grand Commander, 2019-2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Conclave is right upon us on March 16-18. Please come and participate in the decisions and governance of your Grand York Rite Bodies. Your opinion and vote are important. Take an active role in making your York Rite experience to be the best it can be. It will be as good as you make it. Make it an important and meaningful time.

Get Ready for new things. New officers will be elected, new visions for our future, new programs and strategies to make us stronger. NOW is the time to be a Knight Templar!

“Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”

-Charles Dickens