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**Kevin McCans**  
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**GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Sir Knights,

The following article was submitted by SK James Phelps, KTCH, PGC and I want to thank him for his kind words and the time required to write them.

Readers: I want you to know something about this monthly Knights Templar Magazine. In addition to his many other duties our Grand Commander is required to write an article each month and have it submitted to the editor two months in advance of publication. In Nevada our Grand Commander Kevin McCans has already served two years which means that he has already written 24 articles. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the profound changes to our world causing the cancellation of the Grand Session planned for June of 2020 in Las Vegas, the leaders of all 3 York Rite Bodies have agreed to stay in office until June of 2021 when the next Grand Session will hopefully take place.

Therefore, this means that our Right Eminent Grand Commander Kevin McCans is now in the process of serving his THIRD consecutive term as Grand Commander and that means that he is responsible for writing 12 more monthly articles (total of 36!).

In 2015-2016 when I was Grand Commander, I found out how difficult it is to come up with ideas and how time-consuming completing the articles can be. That is why some of us in Nevada have offered to help ease the burden on our REG

I have chosen to make this article a tribute to Kevin McCans who is a capable, caring leader who is organized and thoughtful. He is a wonderful man and our organization is very lucky to have him. He is a Past Master of his Blue Lodge, holds the office of Jr. Grand Warden in NV Grand Lodge, is Grand King of Royal Arch Masons of NV, and is Grand Conductor of Council for Cryptic Masons of NV. He is now serving his THIRD year as Grand Commander. Kevin is definitely a dedicated Mason and one we all admire. Along with all his Masonic duties, he has a professional career, wife, daughter, and son. His wife Janet has served as a Supreme Officer in the Social Order of the Beauceant. They also belong to Order of the Eastern Star. We value Kevin as a man and as our leader, and it is time to step up and help him. He is a loyal friend, and that is why I am writing this in August for the month of October.

The pandemic and subsequent closures are things we never expected or wanted, and it has changed our lives and ability to meet in person with our fellow fraters. We have learned to treasure the value of life and not to take anything for granted.

It brings to mind a quotation from Dr. Viktor E. Frankl (Austrian neurologist, psychiatrist, and Holocaust survivor) who wrote, "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

No, it's not Commandery as we know it. It can't be as long as the virus is ravaging the country and preventing us from meeting in person. Our conclaves are supposed to be a celebration of our friendships and definitely mean something special to us. When we can't be together, we are being "robbed" and it's okay to "mourn" but we must be optimistic and pray for a brighter future.

This seems the appropriate time to repeat the Serenity Prayer: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

In the name of our Blessed Emmanuel, may Peace be with You.

Courteously,  
James D. Phelps, KTCH  
Past Grand Commander 2015-2016

SK Kevin McCans, KTCH  
Grand Commander