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My Brothers, I address the Sir Knights by this basic form because that is where our membership starts. I know this is not news to you, but it is critical we remember and focus on that as we come out of the Pandemic Lockdowns. We have to get back into our Blue Lodges, first as Blue Lodge Masons and as importantly as York Rite Masons. We need to be active there, doing that work, as ritualists, leaders, and mentors. This lets new and experienced members know we have a passion we share. This is a passion we want to share with them.

The York Rite Chapter, Council, and Commandery are the natural extension of Lodge. We simply have to ask: Are you ready to continue your Masonic Education in the York Rite? The York Rite continues and completes the Hiram Legend of King Solomon's Temple. It teaches further lessons that expand the information and lessons of the Blue Lodge and the first three degrees.

In Lodge, we introduce the Word.
In Chapter, we discover the Word.
In Council, we preserve the Word.
In Commandery, we defend the Word.

It is an old, tired, and poignant joke, "what was the first thing you beheld on being brought to light in Masonry?" My Brothers with a petition for the York Rite! I do not propose we jump on every prospect. Newly made Masons need to get their feet on the ground and engage with the Blue Lodge they have spent time advancing in. But we need to let them know they are welcome, we want them, and will engage them in the York Rite also.

How do you let them know they are welcome? Simply in conversation, working together and inviting them to open events. With the Festivals confirmed this year, we can catch up on members who wanted to join last summer. We do not want or need to pressure prospects to join.

Chapter: Rick Benish, 1st Saturday June (5)
Council: M. Scott Wilson, 3rd Saturday June (19)
Commandery: Kevin Hintz, 2nd Saturday July (10)

As Knights Templar, we have to remember that all our members and candidates come through the Chapter and Council. We need to stay active in those bodies as well. Are you doing all you can to support and participate there? Yes, that is asking a lot but that is what it takes to build and maintain Commandery members.

Members do not make themselves. You have to talk to them, lead them, and work with them. Man to man, face to face. That is because Membership is a Contact Sport!

Best Regards,
J Randy Penn
Grand Sword Bearer

