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**MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND
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From Whence You Came

This is time of year when days are short and darkness falls upon us quickly. Although it seems as if we have less time, not only because of the decreased daylight hours and our busy schedules, we may yet find ourselves spending more time indoors. This is an excellent opportunity to renew your connection with the teachings of the Order of the Temple.

Look back at the Chamber of Reflection, where the Junior Warden directs you to focus on the several Degrees of Masonry. Study the virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, as these will mark your consequence among men. In the Chapter Degrees, we are reminded that Charity extends beyond the grave, Moderation brings balance, Industry determines who best can work or best agree, and Humility reduces man to a proper level. As we journeyed through the Commandery Degrees, we were reminded that Truth is the foundation of every virtue and that Honor shapes a man as he

is admitted into Knighthood. As Knights Templar, we are reminded that charity and beneficence were necessary to begin our journey, patience and perseverance enabled our safe passage though life, courage and constancy perpetuated it, ever remembering that faith and humility will secure our eternal happiness at His right hand.

Reflect back on these virtues often. Remember to give thanks to the Creator. And look to the East, for it is there that the trumpets will sound.

Brian Ragain, Grand Standard Bearer



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