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Greetings Sir Knights!

We made it to June! Later this month I will be turning my responsibilities over to Sir Knight Mark McDonald. It goes without saying he will do a wonderful job and with the support of the Commanderies throughout South Carolina, it should be a great time.

As I have said in my e-mail and my Annual Address, it has been disappointing to be shut down during my term. It has led to worry and frustration about the status of the York Rite bodies. But I was given hope when I did talk to brothers, how anxious many were to get started again. The struggle will be there, but I truly believe we will be back.

During my time, through these articles, I have tried express areas we, and yes, I am in the “we” group, may need to work on to help us be better brothers, Sir Knights, and neighbors. When I look in a mirror, I know my flaws and the many areas I can improve on.

We need to be ever vigilant against unforgiveness, judgement of others, and selfishness regarding being blind to others needs. In the Ahiman Rezon it has us remember that each of us are as passionate about our beliefs as the other. Help and support our brothers where we can, and as brothers in need of help,

be mindful not to take advantage of others generosity.

Be proud of membership in the York Rite. I believe it will provide further growth in Masonry when we demonstrate support of brothers and communities.

Degree work, our degrees are truly wonderful and inspiring. I know as our numbers are thinning many are asked to do more with less. We need to be forward thinking on the presentation of the degrees while keeping the meaning, tradition, and dignity of them. I would challenge the future leaders to think outside the box for the presentation of the degrees.

I also challenge all members to discuss methods to instill dignity in our work. To make the extra effort to present an inspiring degree. Please dig deep and take an active role, it will take all of us to make improvements. If you have not been attending, please come on back.

So, as “Happy Trails” begins playing in the background, I look forward to seeing all those who I have not seen. I look forward to S.K. Mark’s term and the new group of officers who I know will be great. I pray that wonderful things happen for all the York Rite bodies and may you all have fare winds and following seas always!

With fraternal love and affection always.

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Proudly, R.E. Grand Commander

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