



## **GAND COMMANDERY of KANSAS**

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### **IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

I have immense pride and consider being a part of Masonry a great honor, and more especially as the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the Grand York Rite of Kansas. I believe in all the ritual of Masonry as being a great guide to my life and actions and consider the entire ritual as a reflection of my belief in our Great Light, the Holy Bible, the definite Word of God. By His word, the direction of our Ritual, and the path He has placed me on, I know I am headed in the RIGHT DIRECTION!

As we follow the words and ideals of our ritual, we can believe we are in the light of His love. The guidance we receive is promising and is the assurance of a positive and forward direction toward eternal life. Every obligation of every degree binds us to that belief. Every step we take to obtain the different degrees, is in a forward direction. By the writings we read and follow, our obligations bind us to each other in faith, hope, and unity. And every Mason, be ye a Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, or Shriner, has taken the obligations. I pray everyone review these obligations frequently, read and study the Great Light, and apply the lessons from the ritual to our everyday lives. The promise of becoming a better man and becoming a greater asset to our communities is within those who do.

In this writing, I want to bring your attention to not only the words of our ritual, but now, more than the Words but also the floor work, how we move in performing the work in performing the degrees. We are a FORWARD working fraternity, and this is reflected in our floor work. Notice the direction of all the perambulations in all the work—the direction is in a clockwise, or FORWARD direction. When the Deacons move to purge the lodge and turn to complete their work, the turn is always to the RIGHT, when the Master or Senior Warden of the Lodge leave their pedestal, they exit to the right and return to the left, again a FORWARD direction. When the Senior Deacon is guiding the candidate from the Senior Warden back to the altar, he turns the candidate to the right, or the FORWARD direction. In the York Rite Work, the Chapter, Council, and the Commandery, the movements are in the FORWARD direction, and are the epitome of our belief in the FORWARD movement of our fraternity.

We can thank our ancestors for their FORWARD THINKING in establishing our ritual

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