Grand Commander's Message

Sir Knights,

As we enter the month of February, two events are most prominent. The first is Valentine's Day on February 14. Valentine's Day is usually symbolized by a heart and is associated with Love. Though the weather is usually cold, the love that we have for those that we care about helps to warm our hearts during this month. Although we should express our love for them throughout the year, we should make an extra effort during this month to let them know how we feel.

As Knights Templar and Masons, we should also express our brotherly love for each other. One way that we can do this is by communicating with those Sir Knights who are unable to attend our Stated Monthly Conclaves. A phone call, a text, or an email can go a long way toward showing them that they are not forgotten. Also, please consider showing your love for others by making a donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to aid in the valuable work of this worthwhile institution.

The second event in this month is Presidents Day on February 21. When I was young, we used to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12, and George Washington's Birthday on February 22, as national holidays. In 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act changed all that by combining both birthdays into Presidents Day. As we celebrate this holiday, let us remember that 14 of our presidents were Master Masons.

Finally, February is the month of Annual Conclaves and elections. I congratulate the Commanderies on making it through another difficult year for Templary. I wish the new officers a successful term of office. Although we are not quite back to normal yet, I believe that the future looks promising, that our numbers will grow, and that Templary will strengthen in our state. This is only possible through your dedication and effort. I encourage you to support your Commandery.

Stay safe, be well and God bless.

Courteously,
SK Craig R. Nelson, Sr.
Grand Commander