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Well, we are past the dreaded month of May when the Division Commander makes his rounds and the Grand Commander drops by to evaluate the work of the Commandery. For some reason, we all seem to lose our confidence and panic. “The GRAND COMMANDER is HERE!” “The Inspector is here!” Having been on both sides, I can empathize. But I can also state without any hesitation that the old adage “they can’t eat you” is true; I never even took a bite out of anyone, and I’m pretty sure that none of my fellow Inspectors nor Grand Officers ever did either. I found over the years that one way to help alleviate the jitters of the Knights when you magically appeared as an inspecting officer was to visit throughout the year; become a fellow-soldier of their Commandery, working with them to help them be better prepared, to know what they were doing. Nothing alleviates nerves like being prepared for the task ahead. And nothing makes for a better Inspection experience that being prepared and excited to show the Inspecting Officer that “we can do this, and we can do it better than anybody else in the state.” With that as a lead-in, let me encourage all our York Rite bodies to elect men to office this month who will work



to make their Chapter / Council / Commandery the best they can be; who will work to learn the ritual and the work and who will continue to strive, ever, for more Light.

Left – Order of the Temple, Frankfort Commandery



Inspection, Ashland
Commandery

Right - Red Cross and
Malta, Conrad Cates
Commandery in
Elizabeth



Below-Somerset
Commandery
Inspection and Mark
Master Degree at
Somerset Chapter

