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Greetings Sir Knights:

First, I am humbled by the confidence the Sir Knights have placed in me by electing me to serve as the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Washington. It is truly an honor and I promise to endeavor to the best of my ability to deserve the confidence you have placed in me.

Sir Knights, as we return to “normal” we need to look to our commandries and the need to work on our membership. Knights Templar in Washington has seen to large a decline in our membership as many of us are rapidly aging out. I have a picture of a Templar parade in Washington and the street is filled with hundreds of Knights. Those were our glory days and we need to work to return there. It is a long road but each Sir Knight needs to think about recruiting his Templar replacement.

I encourage you to bring up the advantages of the York Rite with your Blue Lodge Brethren who have not yet taken advantage of the additional Light in Freemasonry offered by associated Masonic Bodies and Rites. Along this line I encourage Companions and Sir Knights to take advantage of the educational opportunity of the Companion Adept of the Temple Program offered by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Also, I encourage you to remember and not forget those who you may not have seen in our asylum for a while and who we are in danger of losing touch with. We owe it to them to check in with them and to see how they are doing. Do they need a ride? Maybe just a gentle reminder of meeting dates. If they are I distress a gentle word that yes, they ARE important to us and we are all part of this great fraternity of Christian knights.

I wish you all the very best.

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Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington