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Sir Knights,

It has been a month of continually unpredictable bad weather. We have experienced rain, sleet, hail, snow, tornados, and flooding in parts of the state. Each week seems to have brought new weather-related adventures. In Lexington in the past three months, we set 9 new records and spring appears to be no different than the winter season.

With that being said I have seen many conferrals of degrees and orders that were excellently delivered and that have set us on the path for many new Knights to be readied for Order of the Temple this spring. I am truly pleased with our growth projections for new Knight Templars. We will surely make the projections sent to the Grand Encampment this year if the numbers and progression of the candidates continue. Thank you to all those in the Chapter and Council degree teams that are filling the base toward progression

to the Order of the Temple. Your efforts have not gone unnoted I assure you.

You will note that special effort has been placed on being at commandery meetings where help in filling the required number of Sir Knights to have a legal meeting has come to the attention of the Grand Commandery line. A few Commanderies were placed into the HABIT program (Helping A Brother in Trouble) which requires a Grand line officer to attend each meeting to help the Commandery that may be struggling to get enough

The Division Commanders are in the beginning stages of the inspections. Help them as you can by practicing the floor work ahead of their visits and knowing your parts. We are all a bit rusty from dealing with the COVID pandemic separation, but with just a bit of practice, I have seen remarkable progress in getting back to our former status in many Commanderies. As you know the Inspector General is willing to travel to help sharpen the floor work of the groups in need. Do not hesitate to call upon Bill Brown for that purpose. He loves the work and it would be a shame not to use his expertise. All he asks is that you provide him with three possible dates which work for the group he is asked to visit. He will choose the one that best fits his schedule and schedule a date to visit.

Several question-and-answer sessions were offered in my visits to our meetings, and yes, I know they went long in some cases but your voices need to be heard for things to come to light that the craft desires to be changed. I wish to thank all who voiced their opinions in these sessions. Your

input did not fall on deaf ears. Look for proposed legislative changes to help with some of the items mentioned. I can not change things if I don't know they are a problem to the craft. Please contact me if you have such issues you deem important. I have issues I want to address but I would rather fix what the craft feels is important first.

I look forward to seeing you in your meetings in the spring after the East Central Conference in early March.

God bless and keep you all safe and well.

Joseph P. Giles

Servant to and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Kentucky



February 19, 2022, Ashland Commandery No. 28 Order of the Temple. Candidates were present from Paintsville, Morehead, and Limestone. Red Cross, Malta and Order of the Temple were all conferred in full form. Thanks to SK Chris Griffith for photo and information.

