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Greetings Sir Knights:

It is now May, and the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be held on May 14, 2022 in Tacoma at the LaQuinta Inn. I was very honored to have had the opportunity to serve as your Grand Commander for this past Templar Year. I hope I have not disappointed you in your expectations.

Now that things are back to "normal" and we are now meeting in person, I trust that the Commanderies are making plans for resuming their activities, and particularly making plans to bring in more active members. This then brings up the challenge of membership retention, and having more to the meetings than just the ordinary business will help. Programs of education touching on history, symbolism and philosophy of Masonry are very helpful.

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 each Commandery to keep in touch with all members and keep them informed of your activities. They may not be able to attend for whatever reason, but they appreciate being informed of the activities.

I wish you all the very best.

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