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Greetings Sir Knights:

The Season of Thanksgiving is now upon us. It is at this time of the year I take time to reflect on what I am thankful for. I am truly thankful for all my Masonic friends and experiences I have enjoyed through the years. I have been blessed to be able to meet so many wonderful and caring Sir Knights as I have journeyed on this path. Not only Sir Knights but all my masonic brethren. I have seen firsthand the difference we have made in the lives of others through our masonic charities, especially in the lives of our children. At the Northwest conference in Boise this year we were able to see a video of one of the children who our Knight Templars Eye Foundation research grants has helped. The pure joy of the little girl as she runs up and down the street exclaiming over and over "I can see in the night". Not too many dry eyes in the crowd. I encourage each of you to think about donating to our charity. Of course, we are masons so there is some bling associated with your donation, but I have to say that just the joy experienced by that little girl was more than enough for me.

Over the last number of years, the Grand Commandery of Washington has Knighted an average of 30 new knights. We have set a goal of increasing that number this year to 33 new knights. Over the same period of time, we have averaged less than one knight reinstated. Why is that? Why is it that they left our asylums and is it possible to rekindle what they felt when they first took the orders. I am encouraging all commandries to reach out to the Sir Knights that have either demitted or have been dropped NPD and see if we can bring them back.

Finally, Sir Knights, it is the time when many of our commandries are electing the officers who will lead for the next year. I have been to a couple of installations so far and encourage you to attend and support your new officers. While they have been selected to lead, they can only do that with your support in the asylum. I am looking forward to continuing my OV's and would ask that you come out so that the commandry can open and show that yes, we are healthy and growing.

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