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Back to Work

Sir Knight Gary A. Mason, Eminent Grand Captain General

The Right Eminent Grand Commander has asked his subordinate officers to write articles for the insert, and this month's article was written by our E Grand Captain General.

As September comes around, we all need to be reminded that most of the York Rite Bodies in Kansas are coming off being dark for two months and will soon be starting their monthly meetings. We all need to be brushing up on our ritual work, getting ready for inspections and whatever else that needs to happen before our meetings.

August and September are the months when our local schools start classes. Remember to be watchful of the kids when you are driving around especially when they do not pay attention to their surroundings and are darting in and around vehicles or looking at their phones with their ear buds on. As one who works for a School District, we must be careful of where we are going to let the kids go about their normal school routine.

Remember that these young men and women might be the future members of DeMolay, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, or Jobs Daughters. They might become future leaders in the Masonic World.

One of the big events coming up for the York Rite bodies is the South Central Meetings and the South Central Department Conference being held in Shreveport, Louisiana hosted by the Grand York Rite Bodies of Louisiana. If you have never attended one, please do so. It is an opportunity to meet your counterparts within our region and to make long lasting connections and friendships with those outside of Kansas. The Emergent Leadership Course is taught at these conferences as well.

With the start of school comes the Labor Day holiday in September. There will be many people who will go on vacations. With the heat, and many people traveling to the lakes or rivers, be careful and be safe so that everyone comes home and we can get Back to Work on our Masonic and Christian beliefs.

Inspection Time Has Arrived!

Sir Knights, it is that time once again within the Grand Commandery of Kansas for our annual inspections to start. Each Commandery within our jurisdiction has been assigned an inspector, and as many as two assistant inspectors. They will be visiting your Commandery and viewing your opening and closing.

This is not a time to be concerned. Simply go about your normal Commandery routine as you would do even if the Inspectors were not present. They are there to assist you. As a Grand Commandery, the Inspectors are crucial in knowing and understanding where the constituent Commanderies under the Grand Commandery of Kansas are with their ritual and attendance. Once the Inspector is completed with their assignment, they can assist your Commandery in learning more about the work, understanding why the work of the Commandery is important, and helping you to be more proficient within your Commandery. They are your helpers and are ready to serve. Be sure to ask them questions if you have any. If they are unable to supply an answer, they will contact the correct sources and find an answer to your questions.

A list of Inspectors can be found below:

Area 1 - Inspector, Frederick R. Kemp / Deputy Inspector, Gary B. Strout

Leavenworth #1, Prairie Village; Hiawatha #13, Hiawatha; Ivanhoe #21, Prairie Village

Area 2 - Inspector, Dennis H. Taylor / Deputy Inspector, Douglas R. Wettlaufer

DeMolay #4, Baldwin City; Topeka #5, Topeka; Junction City #43, Junction City

Area 3 - Inspector, William P. Leonard / Deputy Inspector, Delmus R. Morrow

St Bernard #10, Independence; Couer De Lion #17, Parsons; Montjoie #29, Pittsburg;

Esdraelon #49, Iola; Lochinvar #53, Coffeyville

Area 4 - Inspector, Gary A. Mason / Deputy Inspector, Ivan M. DeTevis

Mt Olivet #12, Newton; Winfield #15, Winfield; Kingman #34, Kingman; Liberal #55, Liberal

Area 5 - Inspector, Justin D. Crippen / Deputy Inspectors, Patrick C. Carr/Thomas M. Krauss

Askelon #6, Salina; Aleppo #31, Hays; Columbia #38, Goodland