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Greetings, Sir Knights

Our Grand Conclave and my successor has been elected and installed. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me these twelve months and thank you to all the officers and committees who served under me. With that I close out my year and yield the pen to our Grand Commander.

Courteously,

Ryan Winters, Junior Past Grand Commander



Sir Knights,

As we leave our Grand Session we will be entering Easter Sunday. As you travel to your home or unpack your bags from the session please take the time to reflect on the old story. Glory in the fact that our Lord and Savior returned from beyond the veil to teach us that we need not fear death. That he took the time to show the doubters of the truth of his message. And that he has called us all to join him when our time on this earth ends.

Such is the nature of Templary in Oregon. The closing of the Templar year and the rebirth of a new Grand Commander occur in the shadow of the celebration of the same at Eastertide. That the Junior Past Commander has not left, but remains to continue to work according to the sublime principals of this magnanimous Order. While the newly elected Grand Commander grows into a new year, he works under

those who have gone before him to preach the Word.

I would like to thank the members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon for the opportunity which has been presented to me. I look forward to the work ahead of me and a chance to meet you all and work with you. That is what we all need to do, to be of service to our Lord, to Templary, to our Commanderies, to the York Rite, to our Lodges, to our families, to our professions, and to our communities. It is the work that we do in service that will be the mark we leave on this world. Let us strive to be such an example that others will want to walk in our shadow.

My vision for this coming year is one of mentorship. I am asking you to join with a newly obligated Brother, Companion, or Sir Knight and mentor them. A mentor is not a coach, a mentor is someone who is there to be a non-judgmental source of information and tradition. They are someone for the mentee to look up to and emulate. That makes for better leaders as we must always set the example, not only for those behind us, but for those in whose footsteps we follow.

Once again you would expect to hear that the goal for the year is membership, and you would not be fully wrong. This year it is to reach out to those that no longer attend and find out what we can do for them. One of the things that we find hardest is in asking for help. Early in our Masonic journey we were penniless, later again we found ourselves without the cost of a Brother's mark. We first received a lesson and had it reinforced by receiving charity from a member of our Chapter. How has that changed as we become Sir Knights? Did we not receive sustenance and a lesson when we made our path into the Order? This is a lesson we should carry into our lives, and request and accept help when we most need it. Matthew 23:35-36 sets the example of our lives, "For I was hungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came to me." Our missing Sir Knights may be in such a condition where they cannot attend but that means we should visit them.

It is my hope that at least once during this upcoming year that you will leave the relative safety of your home Commanderies to visit another Commandery. Whether it is in your travels, or to participate in the Orders, or just to visit a nearby Commandery. For it is in our travels that we grow. We grow in knowledge and tradition. We grow in the different ways to solve common problems. And we grow our circle of brotherhood as we build new bonds.

I look forward to a day that I may not see. I am looking beyond the horizon of my year to the year of a new Grand Commandery who has not yet received his first degree of Masonry. I ask each and every one of you to join me in this journey and work towards a future that is not shaped at this point. To follow the example of the builders of King Solomon's Temple who knowing that their work would be pulled down strove to save the knowledge for a future generation that they could not know. By working our ritual, even though it is not what we remember, and by making sure that you make as many of our meetings as possible so that we may continue to meet and work you build toward this future.

Yours in Christ,

Dale E. Imbleau, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Oregon