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Greetings, Sir Knights

We are reaching the end stretch of the summer season which traditionally ends with Labor Day. It is time for us to have our Masonic Picnics and informal gatherings to share our time among family and fellowship. It is also the time to take care of those seeds we planted in spring to see that they prosper until they are harvested as we enter into fall. As you meet potential new members at these events, the "seeds" you planted, are you taking care to weed the fields and wet their interest in our Order?

As we start our work this next month we need to reach out and see if we can spread the word for all degree work that is taking place in our area. Working with the Blue Lodge during the first three degrees we can plant the seed for future membership. Working with Chapter and Council will make Companions ready to receive the Orders. And letting your Grand Commander know where there are men who are awaiting degrees would allow me to find ways of getting assistance to areas that are in need.

These are not the only tasks that we should identify. I am sure that there are other Commanderies or other bodies that have needs that can be met by checking our overflow rooms. It has come to my attention that the York Rite in Ontario, Oregon has a need for regalia for all three bodies. I would ask that if you have a surplus of regalia you contact me or one of the Grand Commandery Officers so that we can share the wealth.

Section 210 (3) of the Templar Code of Oregon states that Officers shall be installed on or before the First Stated Conclave in September. That means election should have taken place in June as per Section 208 (2) and your Recorder should have sent to the Grand Recorder the Names, Addresses, and Email



addresses of your elected Officers. This information is necessary for the Officers and District Supervisors to provide advance notification to you of visitations or important information.

On September 9, 2023, we will be having our Mid-Year York Rite Meeting in Salem at the Salem Scottish Rite Center. We will be discussing proposed legislation for this upcoming Annual Grand Conclave. We will be having an interim report on Tactics that we are targeting to be ready for a vote by the membership at our session. There will also be reports by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. I suggest that the elected Officers attend, or at least you send someone as a proxy, to participate in this meeting.

From your first entrance into a Lodge, you are told to trust your conductor. Each oath you took, you were accompanied by a conductor. Even your officers are conducted before the installing officer by a conductor. This instills in you the understanding that no matter what path you take, you are not alone. We always have around us those to which we can turn to guide our steps. The Grand Architect of the Universe watches our every step and has given us the Great Light as a map. Every Grand Master of the Grand Encampment has delivered us down the Constitution, Bylaws and Decision of the Grand Encampment. Every Grand Commander has delivered us down The Templar Code of Oregon. You do not walk this path alone. In my own journey, after not attending for a number of years a Sir Knight came to me seeking my help. He had a job for me and asked me to return and start attending. He was firm and insistent, so I returned. Soon I was an officer in the Chapter and was elected as the High Priest, an officer in the council and then the Illustrious Master, and an officer in the Commandery and elected Commander. I was invited to the Northwest Regional York Rite Conference and soon became an officer in the Grand York Rite Bodies. Never did I see in my future the office I now hold as a goal. But through hard work and dedication I have attained it. Each of you have the same opportunity as there is plenty of work yet for us to do. There are committees to fill, and every year we elect and appoint new officers. Maybe the person we need is one that is currently not attending, and all they need is a gentle little push to start again. This is your future, and it is up to you.

I humbly thank you for the honor of serving you all this year.

Courteously,

Dale E. Imbleau, Grand Commander

