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New Year, New Goals

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The Right Eminent Grand Commander has asked his other officers to write articles for the insert, and this month's article was written by our Eminent Grand Standard Bearer.

Brethren and Sir Knights, the new year is upon us! We have enjoyed the time we have spent observing the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. We have spent time fellowshiping together at the many Christmas gatherings and observances held throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Our lives have been filled and warmed by the fellowship and the enjoyment of the season we have been celebrating.

Now it is time to get to work! There is much labor to be done within the Grand Commandery of Kansas. We realize our labor is enjoyable and that makes the work so much easier to do. This labor is why we are Knight Templars. We can do great things if we put our minds to it. This includes setting new goals for our Commanderies for 2023.

Everyone is setting new goals for themselves and new resolutions. So let each of us work towards setting goals which are attainable, not only in our own lives, but within our Commanderies. If each Sir Knight within the Grand Commandery of Kansas would invite one of his Brothers to join the York Rite, we would see a resurgence within our Commanderies. This would not only double our membership, but it would give new members the opportunity to learn the lessons and the teachings of our beautiful Orders. We may take them for granted because we have worked them for so long, but our new members have an excitement about the Orders which is contagious. It trickles down to all of us who have been working within the Commandery. As they are inspired, they inspire us! Invite a friend to join the York Rite. I promise you they will not be disappointed. And neither will you!

First Knightings of 2023



There will be a conferral of the Orders of Christian Knighthood held on Saturday, January 21, 2023. This will be at the Masonic temple in Hays, Kansas. We will start the day at approximately 8:30 AM. All commanderies are invited, and encouraged, to bring their candidates to this conferral of the Orders. There will be coffee and donuts to start the morning and lunch will be served between the Orders. We look forward to a great class to start the year 2023 off right!

Christmas Observance

Many of the Commanderies held their Christmas Observances in the month of December. This is an annual event held to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus of Nazareth. During these observances, the commanderies read the Christmas message from the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America, and the response from the Grand Prelate for the Grand Encampment. Toasts are held to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kansas, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kansas. At the end



of the ceremony, a Sir Knight brings a reading from the Holy scriptures concerning the birth of Jesus and presents a small homily, or message, on the Savior. It is a time of refreshment and renewal for our Sir Knights as they celebrate their faith in the Savior who was born into this world to take the sins of man upon himself. Start planning now for your Christmas Observance for 2023. It is a great time of fellowship and one of our obligatory days within Christian Knighthood.