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Dear Sir Knights;

This is the month we all look forward to Spring. Spring is in the air and with Spring comes a lot more visitations, not only from your Grand Line Officers, but, from you Sir Knights. I, as well as the Grand Line Officers and the Divisional Commanders, have not slowed down this year. My officers and I decided back in September that every Commandery in the State would be visited by at least one of us. Up unto now, over half the Commanderies have been visited. If one of us have not seen you yet, we will. I am happy to report that you all have done a great job and, most of you are opening long form. The dedication each of you have shown to York Rite Masonry is unbelievable. I would particularly like to congratulate my Division Commanders for their time and dedication. I can honestly say that I have not witnessed any "bad" work anywhere. Please keep up the good work and make yourselves proud. You have knighted many Sir Knights so far. We're looking for a banner year in the York Rite.

Sir Knights, as usual, March is going to a busy month for Masonry. The East Central Division Conference will be held March 11th in Indianapolis. All of the Grand Line Officers are expected to be there. For you Scottish Rite Masons, the annual Scottish Rite Festival will be held on March 17th and 18th in Ashland. Several of you York Rite Brethern are also Scottish Rite. The annual Easter Pilgrimage will be on Easter weekend in April. If anyone wishes to go, please contact Bill Ryan or Michael Yount. In between these busy weekends, of course we will be traveling to various York Rite and Symbolic Lodge functions.

In February, I, along with my officers and several Sir Knights, traveled to Paducah Commandery to make Sir Knight Ricky Tyler a Knight Commander of the Temple. This award comes from the Grand Encampment and I cannot think of anyone who deserves it more than Rick. Congratulations, Sir Knight Tyler.

Your Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander Randall Partin has settled into his new office in Williamsburg. So far, Randall has done a great job. Thanks to Sir Knight Jim King for his years of service.

Well, Sir Knights, the clock on the wall is getting late. I suddenly realize that life is only as good as you make it. One thing we cannot change is time. We can't rush it or stop it. But we can make the most of it while we're here. There's no time in my life for enemies. I know, sometimes it's hard to turn the other cheek, but our Lord and Savior says "To Love One Another." Just think how much better off this world would be if everyone obeyed that rule. Oh, well, just a thought.

Hoping to see each of you soon, I remain;

Sincerely and Fraternally Thine,

Bobby E. Crittendon, Grand Commander



February 18, 2023 - Marion Commandery No. 24 confers Order of the Temple. Congratulations to the 6 new Sir Knights and thanks to Bluegrass York Rite College for the conferral of the orders.



February 17, 2023 - Paducah Commandery No. 11 hosts special recognition dinner in honor of Sir Knight Ricky Tyler, recipient of the Grand Encampment's Knight Commander of the Temple Award. Right, SK Bill Riggs, PGC, presents SK Tyler with the award. Above, knights of Paducah and surrounding Commanderies, visitors and Grand Commandery Officers. Congratulations to SK Tyler on this noteworthy recognition.