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Sir Knights,

As newly elected Grand Commander, I would like to express my gratitude for being found worthy of the honor. I do like to keep things simple because simple ideas can be analyzed easier and focus can be maintained. I did select a slogan for the year which I believe has great meaning to today's world. As Christian Knights, our duty is to spread Jesus' word by our every action while in the world. Words are great but action speaks for itself. Our country is divided more than I have ever seen it and only God, with our help, can make it better. Therefore, I chose three words for my slogan, "God Help Us." We had a nice turnout for our Holy Land Pilgrimage dinner and we heard another Pastor tell us that the Pilgrimage we sent him on changed his whole ministry. He will undoubtedly affect the lives of many over the years who will then impact others etc., etc. We have the opportunity to send two more this year so I have started a fundraiser whose profits will go entirely to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. It is a beautiful coin which you can see in full color on <http://www.azyr.org>. I am offering the coin for just \$20 if you get it from me or my Grand Commandery officers. If I need to ship it, then it is \$25. You can pay by Zelle to bg_mason@yahoo.com but include your name and mailing address in the comments or send a check to William Greenan, 19408 N. 37th Way, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

I would like to speak to Tolerance. It is a virtue too often overlooked in today's society and I believe, like Justice, determines a really good man. We all have beliefs based on our own experiences and influenced by the people around us, especially our parents. As we grow both in body and in intellect, our views do change but only if we keep an open mind and listen to others with slightly, or not so slightly, different views. As Masons, we are encouraged to open our minds to different ideas from our Brothers and if we listen and still do not agree, we hug and agree to disagree. That is what makes us different from many other groups. With the new age of social media, it is easy to forget that we are speaking in a crowd. If we identify ourselves a Mason and a Knight Templar, we are held to a greater standard. In a politically-charged country, you cannot start making blanket statements about everyone on the other side and remain a Mason or Templar in good standing – your actions reflect on the whole organization. We have a book to guide us written about man who showed us the way. We have not completed our ashlar until we lay down our working tools. In the meantime, be tolerant. (This is where I expect to get a few to unfriend me 😊.)

Courteously,

William R. Greenan Sr,

Grand Commander KT of AZ

