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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies of Ohio,

Welcome to the October 2024 edition of The Ohio Knight Templar News

First and foremost, I want to thank the Sir Knights for having the confidence to elect me as your Grand Commander for the upcoming year of the best Grand Commandery in the World. Lady Judy and I are looking forward to traveling and visiting you, the Sir Knights of Ohio. I am planning on visiting as many Commanderies as we possibly can this year.

This has been an awesome journey getting to this point in my Commandery career. From being installed as Deputy Division Commander for the then, 4th Division in 2013. That was an interesting year as Deputy Division Commander to say the least. My first inspection that year, I woke to a tree blocking my driveway which I had to remove before we could leave for the inspection. Next, I arrive at the Temple and the Eminent Grand Generalissimo arrives shortly after, mad as all get out and holds a closed-door conversation with a few choice Sir knights. At this point I'm wondering if I will last the remainder of this year as Deputy Division Commander. As you know I survived. Thank you, Sir Knight, Dennis Hughes PGC for seeing a future in me and starting me on this 11-year journey. The past 10 years have flown by. I have made several awesome friendships throughout this journey. Thank you to each, and every one. On a sad note, through this journey I have lost several friends and Sir Knights. Rest in Peace to all my Fraters that had a part in molding me to the person I am today.

I have the honor of appointing 5 new Deputy Division Commanders this year. All appointments are well deserved, and I have the utmost confidence in them and the remaining 2 Deputy Division Commanders from last year. Please give all the Deputy Division Commanders the respect for their position in our Grand Commandery. They are your and my representatives.

Membership is always of the upmost importance. In addition to new Knightings and Reinstatements, I will be adding a monetary incentive to get Sir Knights that have not attended a Commandery meeting in a while to attend. We have lost a lot of attendance since Covid. Your Deputy Division Commanders will explain the rules on their first visit.

I was elected Grand Commander for the State of Ohio, but I still am and will always be, Dale Exline, and the title will not change who I am or the way I act to each Sir Knight. The only difference, I get the chance to wear the Red Cord and Jewel for a year.

My theme is "Christ Gives us Direction." My pin represents the surveyor's magnetic compass. I chose this as representing my life as a surveyor. On the pin the open crossed swords pointing upward represents our need to always be ready to fight to defend our brothers, especially our brother Masons and what is right. The Red Passion Cross is there to remind us of the blood shed by our Savior for the remission of our sins. As the needle of the compass always points to the north, our hearts and minds should be like the needle of the compass and always look to him for guidance and direction. Thus, my theme "**Christ Gives Us Direction.**"

Lady Judy and I are hoping to see as many Sir Knights as possible and their ladies throughout the upcoming year. May all your travels be safe and may the Lord watch over you and yours.

Remember Always "**Christ Gives Us Direction.**"

Courteously,

Dale A. Exline, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio

PS. Lady Judy and I hope to see each one of you at our reception on October 26, 2024, at the Parks Edge in Jackson, Ohio.