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My dear Sir Knights and Companions dispersed throughout the state. Let me begin this article by saying thank you for the confidence you have shown by electing me your REGC for the 2025 year. I appreciate the opportunity to share my vision with you on ways to not only sustain the Grand Commandery for the future, but to improve and streamline a few of the more erroneous habits and lapses in protocol that seem to hold us back or cause confusion.

Those who were in attendance at the Annual Sessions in Ocean City, you may have heard some of those ideas. In the coming weeks, I will get those ideas out to the rest of the state, so that we can all focus together and in unity to accomplish those goals. Key among those focal points will be communication, continuity, and cooperation.

Speaking of Ocean City, let me thank everyone for their efforts in preparing a grand event for our Grand Communications for the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Not only the Grand Line Officers of the three bodies, but the Ladies of the S.O.O.B. and other volunteers who made logistics a breeze for us who had to leave our posts to get into meetings. As fun and grand as this year was, a party in itself to thank the outgoing REGC, Bradley Andrukitis, for his leadership and support this past year, next year will be even better. And good luck PGC Andrukitis in your efforts as the RWDGM! If you or your lady have ever wanted to get involved with a forward moving and thinking Grand Commandery, this is the time. There is more involvement with family now that ever before, and greater opportunities to get involved and be a bigger part of your York Rite. And this is not limited to only the Highest echelons of the ranks. There is something

that anyone of any rank and any participation level can do to assist and be a bigger part of our success. Please see me or one of my officers so we can share those chances with you. No one will be able to say that they weren't able to pitch in, in the coming years.

One of those ladies whom I would like to commend is my dear wife Marcella Lapp. Not only is she involved in most of the bodies I am to support me (the Society of the Beausseant for the Knights Templar just being the foremost of them), but she shares my enthusiasm and zeal for our fraternity too. I look forward to working with her and her team on these projects, as they bring fresh ideas and new resources to our social functions. I would not be the Mason I am today without the love and support of her and my entire family.

In closing , I would like to thank the newer knights who braved the beautiful weather to be with us in Ocean City. Please let me know your initial thoughts on the event. And if you are reading this and did not attend because you think you aren't sufficient rank or know enough people, all I can say is that you are denying yourself a great time and opportunity. This is where leadership is learned and new friends are made. Templary is more than anything you experience from a lodge alone. Come and see what you are missing. Move past just the business meeting and see what other facets Templary has to offer. You will be glad you did.

And as always, I am not a leader from the back, but one who is in the trenches daily with my knights. My door is always open and my ear is always attentive. If I can be of service to you, all you have to do is ask.

In His service,

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