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Good Sir Knights of the New Mexico Division!

Sir Knights, I find it hard to believe my year of service to you as Grand Commander is almost completed. It has been a year of many joys and much travel. At every visit, I met with fraternal greetings, great warmth and more food than I could have been expected to resist.

I have met many proud Templars. We are indeed one dedicated band of Christian soldiers, with the same goals and focused on a common path. Thus, I am certain we can prosper our Order, so long as we are willing to put forth the required effort

Please remember that it is the duty of all Sir Knights who are elected in constituent commanderies and all Grand officers to attend the Grand Sessions in April. Registration will open on 1 Feb 2025 on-line at: nmyorkrite.org under Annual Session.

The Grand Sessions Committee has worked hard to bring you a comprehensive session at a reasonable cost. I would also like to have as many Sir Knights attend the Holy Land Pilgrimage dinner as possible.

The New Mexico Grand Lodge Sessions will occur on 20-22 March in Hobbs, NM and I would like all Sir Knights to try to attend. The registration link is: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/148th-annual-communications-of-the-grand-lodge-of-new-mexico-afandam>. There is also a link to the Grand Lodge registration form located at the bottom of the Grand Lodge web site.

I am diligently working on my allocution for your review. I will continue to bring you as much information as I can in the coming months.

Continue to espouse the tenets of the Order. Enhance the membership by passing along your knowledge of the work to our newer members so they may be able to more effectively assist others in their growth and be able to lead our Commanderies when their time comes, with the knowledge they need. Effective leaders are those who have been taught the skills they require by those who have come before, along with the motivation to see our Organization grow.

I have mentioned this before, but feel it is important to mention again: In preparing for festivals, one of the most important steps is to attend, enhance, and grow our Blue Lodges. We must have the support and strength of the Lodges to continue to grow. I know that there is a lot of work that goes into running a fruitful

and successful York Rite Body, and sometimes we can forget that the Symbolic Lodge is the first and most important body in the York Rite System. Without a firm foundation from which to grow, it can all crumble down around us.

I will close by saying how pleased I am with all the members of our commanderies. I have witnessed the efforts of the members and officers of each of the commanderies in the areas of attendance, communication, and instruction. I hope that they will continue their hard work and our commanderies will continue to grow and provide masonic light to future knights.

Eminent Commanders, please remember our charities and support them with your contributions. Normally the Grand Commandery has a fund set aside to provide for an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land for ordained ministers, however, considering the situation in the Middle East, we will not send anyone and put them at risk or in harm's way. Our fund can still receive donations. Your donation will help to fund this worthwhile program in the future, when the situation becomes safe and stable in the area. Donations can be made out to the Grand Commandery of New Mexico and noting that it is for the Holy Land Pilgrimage and sent to the Grand Recorder.

Carry on good Knights!