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Sir Knights and Ladies

The Ides of March are upon us. Hopefully the worst of Winter is in our rear-view mirror. February saw 19 Inspections without any major weather issues. In February, I visited DeMolay No 9, Home Commandery of our Grand Hight Priest, Kenneth Foy. I also Visited Salem No 42, Hanselman No. 16 and Willis No. 82. I wish to thank all the Commanderies for all the Courtesies extended to myself and Lady Judy for the office I represent.

As we continue this Inspection Season, I pray GOD gives every Sir Knight traveling SAFE TRAVELING MERCIES.

March brings fond memories of my childhood. I remember buying Flyer Kite kits for \$0.25 from a local little store and rushing home and assembling the kite. I usually tried to keep my kite string ball from year to year because it cost more than the kite. One time I could not find material for a tail for my kite, so I improvised. I cut the legs off a pair of jeans. Mom did not appreciate that. I told her I was making shorts for warmer weather. I got my butt busted anyway.

As I got older, I would travel with my dad on the weekends. He worked for the ODNR and took care of brush fires in southern Ohio in the spring and fall months. At the time I received \$0.75 an hour for all the time I was fighting brush fires. March has a lot of fond memories of my childhood and Mom and Dad the love and respect I had for them.

March Inspections I plan to visit:

March 1 Massillon No. 4

March 8 East Central Department Conference

March 15 Chillicothe No. 8

March 22 Findlay No. 49 Inspecting Officer

March 29 Marion No. 36

Don't forget Ohio Priory No. 18 will meet at the Athens Masonic Complex on Saturday March First, Lunch at 12.00.

This month I am continuing with information from the Grand Commandery K.T. Ohio Statutes and Regulation 1891 concerning Cincinnati No. 3 From the preface. The third received a dispensation in November 1839, from Sir Knight William T. Reese, at the time Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States and was organized and its officers installed by him in the month of December following. A Charter was ordered to be issued to it on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1841.

In closing, Sir Knights keep up the good work. Try to encourage that Brother sitting next to you in your Blue Lodge into joining the "Your Rite Experience".

Let us not lose sight of my Theme. Remember "Christ Gives us Direction" and we will reap the blessings in the end.

Courteously,

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio