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Sir Knights!

Spring is a time for renewal. Maybe that's why we vote for new officers in the springtime. My year has been focused on brotherhood and fraternalism. The last three Wednesdays have been the shining example of the message I have been sending all year.

First was an official visit with the Sir Knights of Cowlitz Commandry No. 29. It was great to see how much they have grown in numbers and how active their members are. Aside from membership numbers their spirit shined bright, they had the desire to be part of the bigger picture, and, more importantly, they wanted to make a difference to leave things a little better for the next person. I can't wait to visit with these great friends again.

Next was Seattle Commandry No. 2, the second oldest Commandry in the State of Washington. And probably the youngest in attendance. If you have never visited these Sir

Knights you should do yourself a favor and take time and do so. They have Fraternalism down to an art. You can tell they enjoy each other's company, and having fun comes naturally. Again, I will be back to visit with these Sir Knights as well.

The last Conclave wasn't an official visit per se as it was my home Commandry. Not that we are any different from other Commanderies, just that we had some business to get through and we did it with the respect that the occasion required and we managed to have discussions on bylaw changes and transitions. Yet everyone respected each other's opinions they didn't argue points but built on each other's points.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed visiting with all of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction. And I hope I am fortunate enough to come visit with you again in the future. Don't forget about the drill team. We are still working to get this started.

Last but not least be well, and God Bless

Sincerely and fraternally,

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