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September Reflections: The Time We're Given

Sir Knights,

As the sun sets earlier and the air begins to shift, September reminds us that seasons change—and so do we. Scripture tells us plainly: *“You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”* — James 4:14.

We walk this earth not knowing the number of our days, but we are called to live each one with valor, humility, and love. The Psalmist prayed, *“Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”* —Psalm 90:12. Let that be our prayer too.

In our sacred calling as Knights Templar, we are not merely guardians of tradition—we are bearers of light. Every handshake, every act of charity, every moment spent in fellowship is a chance to reflect the eternal hope we carry. Let us not wait for tomorrow to be bold in our faith or generous in our service.

This month, I invite you to reflect on the legacy you're building. Not just in titles or rituals, but in the lives you touch. Let us honor those who've gone before us—not with silence, but with action. Let us live as if each day is a divine appointment.

And speaking of divine appointments—mark your calendars for the 60th Annual Four Corners Royal Arch Festival, taking place Saturday, October 4th in Price, Utah. It will be held at the TR Quarter Circle Ranch, with degrees performed by Royal Arch Masons from Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. This gathering is more than ceremony—it's a celebration of unity, tradition, and the enduring spirit of our craft.

May the Lord strengthen your hands, steady your heart, and fill your spirit with purpose.

In His service and yours,

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