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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Sir Knights,

In February, we celebrate all the Presidents of the United States. Our first President, George Washington, is particularly important to the Masonic bodies as he was also the first Grand Master of our lodges, and we often honor him with special meetings and events.

Last month, I was privileged to attend the Official Visit of Malta Commandery, No. 3, in Las Vegas. The evening commenced with an outstanding dinner followed by an equally outstanding meeting. The work of the Officers was well performed and the conversation was informative. I thank them for their hospitality.

This month, I look forward to attending three Official Visits to Northern Nevada. I particularly look forward to seeing those Sir Knights that I only run into periodically. The schedule is:

- E.C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City, February 4, 2026
- DeWitt Clinton No. 1, Reno, February 19, 2026
- Lahontan No. 7, Fallon, February 21, 2026

Continue to support your Commandery by attending and participating in all meetings to show that you are invested in its success and growth. If you know of Sir Knights who have not attended a meeting in a long while, consider reaching out to them to see if there is anything you can do to bring them back into the fold. They may not be attending for a multitude of reasons we haven't thought of, such as a uniform that doesn't fit, the inability to drive at night, or they may have forgotten how to perform in a Commandery meeting. We can invite them to wear a black suit to the meeting, offer them a ride, or hold a Rusty Nail to help them refamiliarize themselves with Commandery processes. Sometimes hearing from a fellow Sir Knight, and knowing they are welcome, is all it may take to renew their interest. *"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."* (Romans 15:7, ESV)

Fraternally,

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