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Sir Knights,

It is with deep gratitude and humility that I address you as the newly installed Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska. I was honored to be elected and installed at the Grand York Rite of Nebraska's Annual Session on April 18th, 2026, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. I take this responsibility seriously, and I am committed to serving you all with dedication throughout my term.

As we begin this new term, I am reminded of the ideals that have guided our Order for centuries: honor, charity, and brotherly love. These values are more than just words; they are the foundation of our work and the guiding principles of our lives as Sir Knights. It is through our adherence to these principles that we continue to grow stronger, not just as individuals, but as a unified Order dedicated to service and making a meaningful impact in our communities. This year, I have several goals for the Commanderies of Nebraska that I will be sharing with you during my visits to each Commandery throughout the year. I will also be discussing these goals in more detail through the upcoming monthly articles. Today, I want to share our first goal for the year: **"Celebrate and Encourage All Active Knights."**

While membership growth is undeniably important for the vitality of our Order, I believe that retaining our existing active members is equally, if not more, crucial. Too often, we focus on recruitment—rightly so—but we sometimes forget to pause and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of those already among us. It is the efforts of our current Sir Knights that keep our Commanderies strong and vibrant. These brothers give tirelessly of their time, their talents, and their hearts, and they deserve our appreciation and encouragement.

This year, let us take the time to thank those who are showing up, working hard, and continuing to uphold the values of our Order. Let's celebrate their contributions, and let them know how much we appreciate their dedication. Our strength lies not just in the number of new members we recruit, but in the commitment and loyalty of those who are already part of our fraternal family. I encourage each of you to reach out, offer a word of gratitude, and remind our active Sir Knights how much they are valued. In that same spirit, I will add that I appreciate you. Thank you for all that you do for your local commandery, your blue lodge, and all of Masonry.

As we move forward, let us strive to create an environment where every Knight feels seen, appreciated, and inspired to continue their journey of service. Together, we will grow stronger, uphold the ideals of our Order, and continue to make a positive impact in our communities. Thank you again for the honor of serving as your Grand Commander. I look forward to visiting our Commanderies and discussing our goals in greater detail. In the meantime, I ask that we all remain focused on our first goal: celebrating and encouraging all active Knights.

Yours in Service and Brotherhood,

Daniel J. Marr
Grand Commander
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