

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska

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Message from the Grand Commander: Reengage Sir Knights We Haven't Seen in a While

Over the past two months, we have discussed the importance of **celebrating and encouraging all active Knights**. I have been encouraged by the conversations that this goal has generated across Nebraska. This month, I would like to introduce the second of four goals that I hope every Commandery will embrace this year:

Reengage Sir Knights We Haven't Seen in a While.

If we take a look at the membership of our Commanderies, we will notice something interesting. While attendance at our stated conclaves and activities may sometimes be modest, the number of Sir Knights who faithfully continue paying their annual dues is often much higher. That tells me something important.

These men have not abandoned the Order. They still believe in Knights Templar. They still value their membership enough to remain part of our fraternity. Somewhere along life's journey, however, work, family responsibilities, health concerns, distance, or countless other circumstances may have made regular participation more difficult.

Sometimes all it takes is knowing that someone noticed they were missed.

I know many of our Commanderies already make an effort to contact members who have not attended recently, and I sincerely thank you for those efforts. But this is one of those things that is worth repeating, because no Sir Knight should ever quietly fade into the background simply because no one reached out.

A phone call. A handwritten note. An email. A simple conversation over coffee. These are small gestures, but they often have tremendous meaning.

As Masons and Knights Templar, we speak often about brotherly love. Reaching out to an absent Sir Knight is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways we can put that principle into practice.

Perhaps your invitation will encourage a brother to return to his Commandery. Perhaps he simply needs someone to ask how he is doing. Or perhaps his circumstances no longer allow him to participate as he once did. Even then, your call will remind him that he is still a valued member of our fraternity and that his brethren have not forgotten him.

As we seek to strengthen our Commanderies, it is natural to focus on bringing new members into our Order. Recruitment will always be important. But before we look outward, let us also remember to look inward. We already have many worthy Sir Knights whose names remain on our rolls and whose hearts may still be with our Order.

Imagine the difference it would make if every active Sir Knight committed to contacting just one brother he has not seen in some time. Across Nebraska, hundreds of meaningful conversations could take place. Some Sir Knights would return to our meetings. Others would simply be reminded that they remain part of something larger than themselves.

Our responsibility as Christian Knights extends beyond opening and closing our Commanderies each month. It includes caring for one another, especially those who may feel forgotten. This month, I encourage each of us to think of one Sir Knight you have not seen recently. Pick up the phone. Send a message. Stop by for a visit if appropriate. Don't begin by asking when he plans to return. Begin by asking how he is doing.

Sometimes the greatest act of leadership is simply reminding a brother that he is still our brother.

Yours in Service and Brotherhood,

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