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Sir Knights, *Attention:*

Sir Knights, as we venture into a new year and as we continue to deal with this awful Pandemic that has taken so many lives and some of our on Sir Knights let us not forget the families of these who have gone on to their final rewards, let us keep these Widows in our hearts and daily prayers as we continue our journey here on earth. This year as I celebrate my 50 years in Masonry it is a joy for me to serve as your Grand Commander and as we as Grand Commandery officers enter into the work and success of the Commandries across our great State of Arkansas let us work to help those that need our help. And while we are at it let us promote YORK RITE masonry as a whole, let us visit the Blue Lodges and ask these brothers and invite them to join YORK RITE Masonry. This year my Moto is DON'T WAIT TO REINSTATE LET'S RENEW IN 2022 with that, there will not be any Grand Commandery Liaison Officers selected. I am asking that ALL GRAND COMMANDERY Officers Visit (2) Commandries (NOT THERE OWN) and try to help reinstate (2) SNPD members back into our Commandries and I don't believe that is too much to ask. A list of all Commandries is provided in this Manual so Grand Commandrey officers you can select when and where you chose to go after all I think that these Commandries would love to see the Grand Line officers at their meetings.

I would also want to Thank my wife Louise for all the time and support she has given me throughout my Masonic career and all the nights I have been gone to a masonic meeting and she has been home taking care of things. Thank You Louise I Love You.

Companions and Sir Knights I want to THANK YOU for allowing me to serve in this Grand Commandery as Your Grand Commander it is an Honor for me to serve you, and I will try my utmost power to help Promote Commandery in our State.

I will be introducing a very new program to all the Commandries and this program will help promote the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and with the help of all Sir Knights we can have a profitable year for this our Charity, I will be visiting your Commandery to tell you about this important program. Again let me say thank you and May God bless and keep you until I see you in the future at a meeting.

Sir Knights, I am asking ALL Commandries this year to do something special in your Commandery and that is to have Two Very special events for the year 2022:

- (1) I am asking the Commanders of all Commandries to have an Easter observance for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as soon as you get back home from our Grand Session you have ample time to make this happen. It is your choice how you celebrate this event but I want it to be community oriented. Let people see you in uniform and know who we are.
- (2) This Celebration, Commanders is Christmas Observance for the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; this is a required observance and we must get back to what we are responsible to do in the Commandries. So, you have plenty of time to go to work on this very special event in our lives. Invite the Family, Friends & Neighbors to your event Let the outside world know who we are.

If you are having difficulty in making these events occur, I want to know about it so we as the Grand Commandry officers can assist you in whatever you need for these events to happen.

Sir Knights, have you ever been asked the question are you a Knights Templar Member?

Are you? **IF SO, PROVE IT.** Answer I have a paid-up Dues card. Is that all the proof that you have? Ok Do you attend the Commandery Meetings and if so, do you go sit in the meetings and think in your mind "I wish we can get this over with so I can get back home to my Favorite TV show that I going to miss". . I want to **challenge** ALL Knights Templar Commandery Membership to be Zealous in his service to Templary. The dictionary describes "Zealous "as an objective of, or characterized by, or due to zeal: ardently ACTIVE, Devoted, Diligent.

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Our zeal in the service of Templary is a zeal, not only for our Order, but for our citizenship, our religion, and our Masonic endeavors in which we have our responsibilities in these areas in our lives. So, when you hear that the next York Rite Meeting is being held, please make every effort to attend.

Sir Knights, I want to Thank you for the work and dedication that you do in your Commanderies. If we keep the Faith and continue to work for all mankind we will succeed.

DON'T WAIT TO REINSTATE LET'S RENEW IN 2022

Charles H Ferguson
R.E. Grand Commander

**From the Apartments of the Grand Prelate
E. Sir Knight Billy Britt**

“SonLight”

“As a Christian, you have the power to overcome darkness. –Charles Stanley

Personally, I am not a fan of fall or winter. I like cold weather, but I just cannot get enough bright light from the fall or winter sun. I relish crisp, clear sunny winter days when the sunshine fills me with a brightness that floods my soul. The Grand Architect of the Universe knew what He was doing when He created light after He separated the heavens and the earth as Genesis 1:3-4 teaches us. This Easter we need this holy light to guide us as we go out as the light of this world. This divine light was created so we would always have the power to overcome the darkness (our sins) that we encounter.

Our Heavenly Father sent His son to bring light into this dark world. Jesus teaches us to this very day that our Heavenly Father loves us without any reservations. On the day that the Sonshine died on a cross He empowered you and me to take on the darkness of the sins of this world. Jesus' Sonshine was a gift from God that teaches us to have faith, peace, joy and most importantly of all to have love for our brothers and sisters. His life, death and resurrection was a perfect example of how we must live to overcome the darkness that comes from all the temptations of our earthly lives. When Christ was crucified, darkness ruled the world for three days and three nights. His resurrection restored light to the world.

Jesus' love is the light that gives us God's Holy power to be a light in this world. Just as the women were told almost 2,000 years ago to “go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead,” (Matthew 28:7) so are we to go into the world and spread this light to others. Jesus paid the ultimate price to see that we are empowered to fight darkness and spread light wherever we go. May peace, joy, faith and love come to you this Easter Season from the Sonshine which is Christ as the light of our lives.

Billy Britt

The Grand Commander of Arkansas wants each Commandery to have an Easter Program this year to celebrate Easter. The program below is a suggestion that may be used as a guide for holding Easter Services at the individual Commanderies. This service can be as simple, or as elaborate, as your Commandery decides. Commanderies are encouraged to invite the community to help celebrate Easter season. There may be a meal if the local Commandery so desires. Peace, harmony and love be with you during Easter and all year long.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR COMMANDERY EASTER PROGRAM

Welcome by the Commander

Prayer Prelate

Song (Use whatever means you want for music: group singing, a recording or someone to bring special music)

Bible Reading Matthew 28:1–10

Message Read the message from the Grand Prelate. (If your Commandery wants a message by the Chaplain or a pastor this may come after the readings of the Prelate.

Closing Prayer Prelate (May use the Lord's Prayer as a closing prayer)