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Greetings from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas!

As we enter the month of August, I want to begin by extending my heartfelt thanks to Right Illustrious Companion Robert Haynes, our Deputy Grand Master, for his steadfast dedication and service. Due to an unexpected family emergency that called me away just as I was preparing to board my flight to Wyoming for the Midwest Rendezvous, I was unable to attend as planned. Right Illustrious Companion Haynes stepped in without hesitation and represented Kansas. RI Haynes also represented me at Rainbow and DeMolay. I am truly fortunate to have such a capable and devoted Deputy Grand Master by my side, and I am filled with confidence and excitement as I look ahead to his leadership next year as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

August also marks the beginning of my official visits to the constituent Councils across our great state. I look forward to reconnecting with Companions, witnessing your efforts firsthand, and sharing in the fraternal bonds that make Cryptic Masonry so meaningful. In the coming days, I will be reaching out to the Secretaries of the Councils I intend to visit to coordinate dates and details.

As always, I encourage each of you to stay engaged, to support your local York Rite bodies, and to continue the great work of preserving and promoting the sacred traditions of our Craft.

Fraternally Yours,

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Most Illustrious Grand High Master, 2025-2026

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