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Companions and friends,

As we are nearing the final months of this Capitular year, this will be my last communication as your Grand High Priest. I have been extremely humbled and blessed by the honors you, the Capitular Craft in Kansas, have conferred upon me by electing me to serve as the 154<sup>th</sup> Grand High Priest of Kansas. It is something which has changed me profoundly, and which I will never forget. My hope is the changes we made this year, as a team of York Rite members across the state, were beneficial to the continued growth and the revitalization of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas.

While this is the end of my term, it will be the beginning of Right Excellent Gary B. Stout's term as the 155<sup>th</sup> Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. I would like to wish him the very best as he will be installed on May 1, 2026, at the Grand Convocation in Manhattan, Kansas. We have planned together throughout the past several years for the events and concepts which will move this Grand Chapter forward and I will continue to be here to support him throughout his year of service to the Capitular Craft in Kansas.

I would like to leave you with just a few final thoughts as we prepare for our Annual Convocation. I would request those who are serving their local Chapters as either High Priest, King, or Scribe, to register and be present at the Grand Convocation on the morning of May 1, 2026. I would also request the Past High Priests of our jurisdiction be present as well. This is your Grand Chapter, and its affairs come under your purveyance. Much like our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Annual Communication, it is expected your Chapter be represented at our Grand Convocation. Please consider attending if it is within the length of your cabletow. I promise you it will be an exciting, entertaining, and different type of Convocation.

Be continually blessed, Companions. Thank you again for allowing me to serve each of you this past year.

Patrick C. Carr  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 2025-2026  
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