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Companions,

As we move into February, I want to take a moment to reflect on the start of the year and share a few reminders with you.

January is often a quieter month across the state, and this year was no exception. Several Councils experienced reduced activity, and in some cases, meetings were cancelled due to winter weather. This is not uncommon for this time of year, and I appreciate the patience and understanding shown as we all balanced safety with our Masonic obligations.

As our Councils begin to regain momentum, I would like to remind all Secretaries of the importance of keeping their reports to the Grand Council up to date. Timely and accurate reporting helps the Grand Council better serve you and ensures that our records properly reflect the work being done throughout the state.

If you encounter any challenges, whether administrative, procedural, or otherwise, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our Grand Secretary is always available to assist, and I am likewise happy to help in any way I can. We are strongest when we support one another.

I look forward to seeing our Councils become more active as we move toward spring, and I thank each of you for your continued dedication to Cryptic Masonry in Kansas.

Fraternally yours,

Gary B. Strout

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Most Illustrious Grand High Master, 2025-2026

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