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Dear Companions,

As I write to you, my thoughts turn to the wheel of the year and the special energy that summer brings. Summer is bright, warm, and active. It is a season when the world has fully awakened from the slumber of winter, and the beauty of creation is on full display.

For Freemasons, this is also a busy and meaningful time of year. Throughout the summer, York Rite Masons travel across the state, and in some cases across the nation, to labor in the quarries, support our Masonic family, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. This summer, your York Rite leadership team has planned several events for your enjoyment, fellowship, and growth. I encourage each of you to take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with your Companions, renew old friendships, build new ones, and continue growing in Masonic knowledge.

In June, I will have the honor of making official visits to Lawrence Chapter, Salina Chapter, and Wichita Chapter. I am looking forward to spending time with the Companions of these Chapters, hearing about the good work being done locally, and gathering input that I can take back to our leadership team as we continue working together to advance Royal Arch Masonry in Kansas.

May this summer be a season of light, fellowship, and renewed dedication to the work we share.

Fraternally,

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