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My Fellow Companions of the Holy Royal Arch,

It has been a great two months already for the 2025-2026 Capitular year. Leavenworth Chapter No. 2 and Lawrence Chapter No. 4 worked together and added five new Royal Arch Masons. The Grand Master's Classes for the Holy Royal Arch are done, and I am happy to announce an additional 18 became Royal Arch Masons. That makes 23 in total and is a great way to start off our year.

As I have traveled about and met with our Companions in their Royal Arch Chapters, I have been asked many questions, and I have tried to answer each one to the best of my ability and knowledge when they were asked. Those questions I was unsure about, I sought answers to after the meeting was over and communicated those back to the Companion and Chapter at a later date after the official visit was over. Companions, never shy away from asking a question. That is how we all learn (even me!).

Energy can be infectious! It is something we each need as we work through our day, and we provide that same energy to others we encounter. When we wake up in the morning, many of us reach for that cup of coffee to help jumpstart the day (and our hearts) as we prepare for the tasks which await us. The energy that coffee, or for some of our Companions, energy drink, provides assists us to move forward into our day with renewed purpose to accomplish many tasks. Our own personal energy is no different. When we are genuinely excited about something, it shows. Everyone around us knows we are excited and that same excitement or energy we provide, rubs off on those around us. People want to do what we are doing and have the same experiences we are having. This is the energy we should all strive for in all of Masonry. When we are excited about something happening within our Chapter, others become excited too! So, reach out and call a Companion you have not seen for some time at your meeting. Invite him back. Create the excitement you want from your Capitular experience and be sure to share that same excitement with those around you. It will help to bring back the Companions who have fallen away and will energize a whole new group of potential Royal Arch Masons to join our ranks. Be the energy you want to see from others and continue your good works.

Be blessed, Companions.

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 2025-2026
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