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Companions and friends,

As always within the ranks of Kansas Freemasonry, we have been busy. The month of January was spent in planning for several new York Rite Appendant Bodies and Orders which will be coming to Kansas in the very near future. Other items which took place during the month of January included planning for the upcoming 2026 Grand Chapter Convocation which will be held in Manhattan, Kansas on May 1, 2026.

I was fortunate to be able to make two visits to Chapters within our jurisdiction during January. On January 15, 2026, Topeka Chapter No. 15 welcomed and received the Grand Chapter Officers warmly and we each enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship with the Companions of Topeka Chapter. The second official visit for January was held on January 20, 2026, at Union Chapter No. 17. The fellowship from Union Chapter was welcoming and we enjoyed our time assisting the Chapter in their opening ritual and spending time with the Companions hearing their thoughts and concerns about Capitular Masonry here in Kansas.

We all become very busy at the beginning of the year. The Grand Lodge of Kansas, AF&AM Annual Communication is coming soon, along with other events which will desire our attention. These may be annual events for each of us, but they do take time, resources, and planning. While you are busy with your work and masonic lives, please remember to spend time with your family. Nothing we do in this fraternity is as important, or as precious to each of us, as our families. Please endeavor and strive to spend more time with your families during 2026. I know they will appreciate it, and it will help you to reenergize your mind and help you within your vocation, and within the Craft as well.

Be continually blessed, Companions.

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