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Dear Companions,

As we enter the month of August, I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to travel across our jurisdiction, renew old friendships, and hear directly from the Companions who are working to strengthen Royal Arch Masonry in their communities.

In July, I had the pleasure of making my official visit to Salina Chapter No. 18. I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to me. It was wonderful to spend time with the Companions, enjoy their fellowship, and discuss the future of our Grand Chapter. Visits such as this remind me that the strength of Royal Arch Masonry is found within our local Chapters and in the dedication of the Companions who faithfully support them.

I was also honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas at the Kansas DeMolay Conclave in Prairie Village. It was encouraging to see the enthusiasm, leadership, and brotherhood demonstrated by these young men. DeMolay plays an important role in developing the next generation of leaders, and I believe it is essential that we continue to support and encourage our Masonic youth organizations. Their success strengthens the entire Masonic family.

The coming weeks will be a busy time for your Kansas York Rite leadership. We are preparing to attend the South Central York Rite Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, as well as the Triennial Meeting in Washington, D.C. These gatherings provide valuable opportunities to exchange ideas, learn from leaders in other jurisdictions, and represent Kansas Royal Arch Masonry on both a regional and national level.

Although our travels will take us beyond the borders of Kansas, our focus remains firmly upon serving you and strengthening our Chapters. We will return with new ideas, renewed enthusiasm, and additional tools that can help us advance Royal Arch Masonry throughout our state.

I encourage each of you to remain active in your Chapter, invite a Companion who has been absent to return, and look for opportunities to share the lessons and fellowship of the Royal Arch with worthy Master Masons. Each of us has a part to play in securing the future of our beloved fraternity.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and friendship. I look forward to seeing many of you during my travels in the months ahead.

Fraternally and zealously yours,

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 2026-2027

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