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Companions,

I am pleased to share with you a report of my activities during the month of August. I had the honor of representing the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas at the South Central York Rite Conference in League City, Kansas. It was an enjoyable time of fellowship, learning, and sharing ideas with our companions from across the region. I am proud to say that Kansas shined brightly, and our presence was warmly recognized and appreciated.

As we reflect on our labors, let us remember that Freemasonry is more than meetings and degrees; it is a way of life. Through our actions, we are called to be builders: not of stone, but of character, integrity, and compassion. When we strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and strive to live by the principles of our Craft, we not only honor our obligations but also become beacons of light in a world that often struggles in darkness.

May we each continue to build upon the foundation laid by those who came before us, ever laboring in the quarries of service and brotherly love.

Fraternally,

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Most Illustrious Grand High Master, 2025-2026

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