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Companions,

August was a busy, stressful time as I have assumed the duties of the M.:I.: Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas and am honored to do so. I have completed two of my official visits which include Junction City Council No. 22 and Ellsworth Council No. 9. The rest of my visits are listed on the website and I will be in contact with all the Councils to verify the dates. Also, the dates and times for our annual Pike Peak inspection have been set. I hope some of you will be able to attend this year. If you can't go up the mountain to the capsule, please, join us for a fun outing of riding the Royal Gorge Train.

I was unable to have an official installation as M.:I.: Grand Master. Many of you may not know who I am and if so feel free to read my bio on the website for that knowledge. The officers this year remain the same with the exception of Dale Morrow (PGM) who I have selected for the position of I.: Grand Conductor of the Council. I am very honored to serve with you even though I did not personally select you and I couldn't have done a better job. If you or any Companion of the Cryptic Masons of Kansas have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. We still have a lot of the year left to accomplish our goals.

In addition to Pikes Peak, I will be attending the GGCCMI Triennial in Washington D.C. and the South-Central Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. It is too late to sign up for the Triennial, but if you have an open schedule, South-Central Conference is an option. I know you are all active and my goal is to continue supporting not only Council programs but those of Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and other Masonic groups including our youth organizations.

Lastly, I want to thank each and every one for your hard work and dedication. We belong to a really unique organization that not only makes us better men, but our communities and the world a better place. I encourage you to do your best, stay the course, keep your family close and first in your life.

God Bless,

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