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Greetings to all Companions of the Holy Royal Arch!

I have just returned from the South-Central York Rite meetings and, like many of our Companions and Sir Knights who attended, I am energized with the ideas and the fellowship I received from so many wonderful Companions throughout the region.

During the last few months, I have spent my time engaged with our Chapters here in Kansas. Thanks to each of the Chapters I have visited for receiving both myself and the Companions who have accompanied me. Some of my observations from this journey have shown me where we need to be focusing our energies and talents as we move forward with capitular masonry in Kansas. At each of my official visits, the warmth and friendship of the Companions have given me hope for our fraternity. This hope is not just for the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, but for our entire fraternity here in Kansas. I have seen the energy the Companions have for our Craft. From those Chapters who had twenty or more in attendance, to those who had only a handful, the warmth, spirit, and belief in our Craft have shown me the confidence and love of our fraternity. I have several more Chapters to visit before my term of office ends in May 2026, but I am well over halfway into visiting each of the fifteen Chapters in Kansas.

Companions, we have an opportunity here in Kansas to continue to grow capitular masonry. While it is true some of our members no longer attend the meetings, you can be the one who makes the difference. Reach out to those who you have not seen at your meetings and ask them to attend. Sometimes all it takes is someone to reach out and to make that personal contact. We all like to be asked to go places and to be with others. It is our responsibility to make that personal contact. Please try to do it either in person with a visit to the Companion's residence, or by phone. A simple email or text message is just not enough. It requires each of us to speak with someone and to simply ask them to attend. When you do, be sure your meeting has something they will remember as special or extraordinary. Have a well-planned meal before or after the meeting, or a piece of education which they will likely remember and ponder more at a later date. Even a short discussion in your meeting can make a difference. I know we can do this!

Be blessed, Companions.

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 2025-2026
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