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Companions,

I hope you had a prosperous and healthy October. It was a busy month that started with a visit to Independence Council #15. As with a lot of Councils they are struggling and I am in hopes we will have some course of direction to offer them in the near future. On October 2nd and 3rd Scottish Rite had their Fall Reunion in Emporia. It was very successful event and I saw many companions present. It remains important that we continue to support these bodies as well as our own. I made another visit on the 6th to Lawrence Council #14, where I was well received, and Justin Crippen was on hand to make a very informative presentation on CMMRF. He does an amazing job keeping us focused on our charities as they are very important to us and our success. On October 10th we had our annual ingathering for AMD in Baldwin City, where once again, we shared great fellowship. I took some time away and went on a cruise from October 16th through the 25th. Unfortunately, on my return I was a little under the weather and it took a little while to recover.

November is now upon us with the start of the holiday season. Red Cross will have their annual ingathering on November 7th in Newton. I hope many of you plan to attend and if not a member consider a petition to join. Also, on November 21st we have the Western Kansas York Rite Biennial Banquet in Colby, KS. If within the length of your cabletow, please try to attend and support our Companions in Western Kansas. All necessary information is listed on the web page. It will be well worth your time and effort; Tom Krauss puts on some really great events.

In closing, I wish you well and if there is anything the Grand Council or I can do for you, please feel free to reach out. Thanksgiving will be here soon and we need to keep our families close, enjoy a meal with them and share in family fellowship. Maybe some football if that is of some small interest to you. (probably not)

God Bless,

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