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Sir Knights,

We have had a good start to this current Templar year. As a group, your leadership team of the three Grand York Rite bodies have held meetings and worked together to continue to plan for an exciting year full of opportunities to engage our membership. There is still much work and planning to be done, but the leadership team is actively looking for better opportunities for our members to enjoy all the York Rite of Freemasonry in Kansas has to offer.

There are two dates which I would like you to add to your calendar for this year. The first will be on August 15 and it is the 5th Annual Knight Templar Feast. The event will be held at the McPherson Community Building and it will feature Sir Knight Moses Gomez from New Jersey, who will speak about his experience on 9/11 in New York City. The cost will be \$50 per person for the meal and the firing cannon.

The second important date will be just a week after the Feast and will occur on August 22. This will be the first outdoor knighting to be held in Kansas in many, many years. This event will be held at the Masonic Oak Tree Park near Little River and will feature the conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, and the Magnanimous Order of the Temple. We will have an outdoor feast reminiscent of a traditional medieval meal during the course of the afternoon. Once darkness is upon us, we will confer the Order of the Temple under the stars. The cast will be wearing costumes and not the traditional Class A Templar uniforms. These costumes will include different knight costumes for each of those working the traditional Order. It is going to be an interesting conferral of the Orders. The price will be \$25 or the meal and a special surprise gift from the Grand Commander.

I hope to see each of you in attendance. There will be more information available on the Grand York Rite website. Using the website, you will be able to register, and pay, for these experiences without having to send a check or provide cash at the door of the event.

Your faithful servant in the Faith,

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