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Fellow Soldiers of Christ,

It has been a busy year in Templary her in Kansas and across the United States. There has been much degree work, plans, and practices, and the ever-present meetings which we make each month in our own constituent Knight Templar Commandery. I have been blessed to attend several of the Grand Encampment Department Conferences across the country. As your Grand Commander, I represented you at the South Central, Mid-Atlantic, and North Central Conference. Each of these Department Conferences had much of the same meeting information from the Grand Encampment. You may wonder what was different in each of these Department Conferences? The answer would be the people who attended. I have witnessed some excellent planning and development from the various Grand Commanderies which have been present at these meetings. These meetings show how well we are doing in Templary here in Kansas, and also where we can strive to become even better.

In light of that subject, I would like to announce the first of what we hope will be a continuing event for Kansas Knight Templary. That would be the first Sword Competition hosted and sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Kansas. The scoring sheets and format will be announced very soon, but for now I would like you to save the date and plan to have each of your Commanderies represented at the competition. There will be an award which will be presented to the overall competition winner. The award will be returned at each Grand Commandery Conclave to be presented to another worthy Sir Knight who triumphs over the others at the next Sword Competition. All who make the proper score on the sword tactics will receive a certificate showing their proficiency.

The Sword Competition will be held at the conclusion of the Grand Commandery School of Instruction, which will be held on April 10, 2027. The location is being planned and will be announced soon. This is your opportunity to learn, and see exemplified, the opening and closing of the Commandery. You will be able to participate and ask questions from our Instructors. This can help your Commandery develop their ritual program and show their commitment to our beautiful ancient Templar ritual.

I look forward to seeing many of you as I continue to travel across our jurisdiction and make my official visits to your Commandery. This being the month of November, I would like to wish each of you, and your families, a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. We are truly blessed here in Kansas in so many ways.

Your servant in the Faith,

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