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Sir Knights,

I am both excited and humbled at this great Honor, to lead this Grand Commandery. As I assume our Grand Oriental Chair of Christian Masonry, I must look at the Head of our Faith, Our Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ, as the source of inspiration, and a true example of Leadership. By that standard, to lead is to serve.

As the Son of Man came not to be ministered too, yet to minister, the same must be said of all leaders. His Example is quite clear. We are here to serve, not just to all of our Brothers, but to all.

Some ideas I have, will be implemented, however: my ideas alone will not work, especially if those ideas are born out of false pride and arrogance. It is your ideas, your thoughts, that can be that source of inspiration, whether those ideas come from a Past Grand Commander or from the newest dubbed Sir Knight. Pomp and Pageantry must serve a greater good, not only in the Grand and "subordinate" Commanderies but more importantly, by every Sir Knight and by the lessons learned there, the rest of the world.

Remember the title we took upon ourselves, Knight Templars. The original name of the order was the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ, at least that is the English translation. The word Knight comes from old English and it meant either boy or servant, in any case it meant servitude. If then we claim these titles, then we are servants of Christ, and thereby have a tremendous responsibility, a responsibility to learn, grow and lead, a responsibility to our

Fraters, to help aid and assist in their learning and growing, to our own Families and communities, and perhaps most importantly the casted out stranger who all shun. Not the easiest task to recognize or accomplish, and in many cases, we dismiss them.

It is My Hope, that with your prayers and support, we can Grow our Commanderies, the York Rite in general even our beloved Blue Lodges, from whose ranks our new Sir Knights must come.

This Grand Commandery is here to serve all the Commanderies and every Sir Knight and not the vanity of any one.

This one question I'll leave you to ponder 'What does being a Knight Templar mean to me?'

I look forward to this year and I look forward for your input.
Thank you all so much

Your Servant,
Sir Knight William D. Stephey Jr. R.E.G.C.

