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Sir Knights,
 The inexorable march of time has brought another harvest; the leaves have turned, the crops are gathered. It is a time when we gather with friends and families to celebrate, to fellowship, and give thanks. Let us not forget those less fortunate than ourselves during this festive season. We are all 'poor and weary pilgrims,' traveling the rugged path of life, and are called take to heart the commission to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to bind up the wounds of the afflicted." We confidently hope, as His followers, to someday reach that Holy City, there to pay our devotions to the One to

whom they are due and there find rest. Let us assist those who journey with us, especially those in need of the basic necessities of life.

Our Grand Conclave was well attended this year, and Grand Commander Larry Carte led us through a well-executed session. Sir Knight William J. Jackson was elected Grand Captain General with the remainder of the elected line advancing. Jim King and J.B. Hitt were reelected as Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, respectively. The installation on Monday afternoon will always be one of the high points of my Masonic career, and my heartfelt thanks go to the installing team of Raleigh Foster, Jim King, and Carl Jones.

One of the highlights of our Grand Conclave is always the Sunday evening Memorial Service. This year, Sir Knight James Reeder, Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, led an inspiring service in memory of those whose pilgrimage here has ended. I would encourage each of you to attend the dinner and Memorial Service. It is a great time of fellowship and worship, and a great way to begin our Grand Sessions.

For the second year in a row, there was a contested election for Grand Captain General. While there is by necessity a winner and a loser when two candidates run for an office, I believe that Kentucky Templary is the winner in the long run. It is an indication of growing interest and excitement among our membership and that is a good thing. Let's all support our new Grand Captain General, and let's all encourage and show our appreciation to Sir Knight Miles, and anyone else willing to take on such a commitment.

I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation for the support of our sessions by officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the presence of the entire Grand Lodge elected line of officers, along with representatives of many of the other Masonic organizations in Kentucky, at our banquet on Tuesday evening. We are very appreciative of their support, and Grand Master Todd Jones' words at the conclusion of the banquet were both timely and appropriate.

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FROM THE GRAND COMMANDER

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On a personal note, I want to express for my wife and myself our deepest gratitude for the concern and support shown to us as we dealt with her health concerns during the week. It brought home in a very profound way the nature of the men who make up this organization. It is a humbling experience to be the focus of such overwhelming compassion. Sir Knights, thank you for your 'Good Work.'

Courteously, Randall Partin Right Eminent Grand Commander

GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY CELEBRATES 200TH ANNIVERSARY

The Grand Chapter will celebrate 200 years of service in Kentucky on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Holiday Inn on Hurstbourne Parkway in Louisville. Plans are being made for a special banquet that evening, and the Hotel will offer the usual Grand York Rite rates for overnight stay. The cost of the dinner is \$50 per person, and each person attending will also receive a special commemorative coin and commemorative glass. The glass will not be available except to those who buy a ticket, but the coin will be sold separately for \$10 each. Formed in Frankfort by Companions from Chapters in Lexington, Shelbyville and Frankfort on December 4, 1817, it had been chartered in October of 1816 by Deputy General Grand High Priest Thomas Smith Webb, the Grand Chapter has been supporting local chapters continuously since then.

We expect to be honored by the attendance of representatives from the surrounding states, as well as officers from the General Grand Chapter.

COMMANDERY ORDERS

In conjunction with the Chapter degrees at Bullitt, Jefferson Commandery will confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta, both in short form, at their regular conclave on November 8. Louisville-DeMolay will confer the Order of the Temple at their Inspection Conclave on December 5. Start time for both is 7:30 P.M. As always cast and candidates are welcome. More details will be given as they become available.

2017 GRAND CONCLAVE NOW PART OF OUR HISTORY

Grand Commandery began its labors at 7 P. M. on Sunday, September 17 in Lexington at the Embassy Suites. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, Sir Knight J. D. Reeder conducted the service, and in my opinion it was the best we've seen in a number of years. The offering was taken for disaster relief through the Masonic Service Agency.

Right Eminent Larry Carte, Grand Commander, opened the conclave at 9 A.M. on Monday with the usual introductions. Business was all of a routine nature. Happily, knightings in Kentucky out-paced deaths by 104 to 85. Unfortunately, demits led to a net loss of 108, albeit a better record than the recent past.

The Grand Officers were advanced with the Treasurer and Recorder, Sir Knights Hitt and King, retaining their offices and Sir Knight William J. Jackson of Williamsburg Commandery was elected Grand Captain General. PGC George Brooks of Frankfort Commandery, was elected to a three-year term as a Trustee. Sir Knights J. Wm. Ryan and G. Michael Miller, Sr., both of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery continue as Trustees, the first for one more year, and the second for two.

Sir Knight Charles J. Cooper was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor for 2017 for his exemplary performance during the year just completed.

The open installation, conducted by PGC Raleigh Foster that afternoon saw Sir Knights Randall Partin installed as Grand Commander, J. William Riggs as Deputy Grand Commander, Marvin S. Blaine as Generalissimo, and William J. Jackson as Grand Captain General.

Grand Council was opened by MIGM Matt Lewis on Tuesday and Michael McQueary of Somerset, was elected Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Chapter was opened on Wednesday by MEGHP Wendell Trent and George Ralph Arnold of Danville was elected Grand Captain of the Host. If space allows, I will elaborate on those Grand sessions in December.

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