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Greetings, Sir Knights!

We are now entering our seventh month of Templar year and we are not slowing down. As a matter of fact, the Commanderies, committees, and my officers are busier now than ever. Just within a matter of days of writing this, I was welcomed and received at the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and attended the Grand Encampment Department Conference in Washington, D.C. I also would like to thank the High Point and Greensboro Bodies for Honoring Ray Hall and myself with a banquet. I greatly appreciate all the support everyone has extended to me this year.

One of my goals for this year was to send *two* ministers on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Sir Knights, you answered the call! For the first time in a long time, we are sending two ministers this year. I am proud of your many efforts to make this happen. Did I mention that both ministers are one of us? Congratulations Sir Knights John Frazier and Aaron Powers! We are excited for you. A special thanks to Aide-de-Camp James Vance, Sir Knight James Britt, Palestine Commandery #20, High Point #24, St John's #10 (New Bern), and Ivanhoe #8 (Greensboro), Sir Knight REPGC Steele, Henry Rifle, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage committee for your extra efforts. I have noticed when we best work, we also best agree. Let's keep this spirit moving forward. Over the remaining months, I want to focus on our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, our other Templar charity. I will discuss this further at an upcoming supplement message.

The Order of the Temple at Castle McCulloch will be taking place just a few days after you receive this supplement. November 2 is the big day and there will be a lot going on. An official schedule will be dispatched via email chain prior to this event, so make sure your members, visitors and candidates are informed. The castle opens at 10am and the assigned crews may setup from 10am-2pm.

Lunch is available for 20 participants. From the hours from 2:00pm to 6:00pm, we will offer series of programs, including a Templar history program by Ben Wallace, a program from our Chief Inspector Instructor, a short form conferral of the Red Cross and Malta orders, as well as opportunities for visiting and photos. A catered sandwich meal, side, and drink will be served before introductions of dignitaries. After guests are received, the ceremony will start. There is a charge of \$7 per member and candidates to cover the meal and event. You can pay at the door or have your Commandery bring a check to pay for your attendees.

Please make an effort to arrive early and enjoy this event. You have my permission to take the day off! Also make an effort to wear your uniform and if you don't have one, wear a black suit, white shirt and black tie. This also pertains to the candidates, no tuxedos please. Members can wear the Malta jewel or Malta lapel pin.

As I am flying home at this moment, from our Grand Encampment Department Conference, I am realizing what a strong jurisdiction of Templars we are and how proud I am of you. Again, when we best work for our Order, then we learn how to best agree. If we live by this and our Templar principles, then we can expect greater things to come.

Courteously,

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Grand Commander



SK Rev. John Frazier



Rev. Aaron Powers