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Greetings, Sir Knights!

This will be my last supplement to you during my term in office as your Grand Commander. I can't find the proper words of appreciation to you in allowing me to serve this Grand Commandery over the past ten years. I will always serve Templary and this great body of Masonry. On March 20 our Deputy Grand Commander will be installed in the office I now hold. I look forward in my new role of service to you Sir Knights. Make no doubt that you gave me the BEST JOB I EVER HAD! Thank You.

I would like to acknowledge some of our accomplishment this year. We for the first time sent to ministers to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. They will be returning about the time you read this. Please follow their trip on our Facebook page "NC Grand Commandery". The Henry Freemasonry raffle is still making money for our minister next year. Thanks again, REPGC Steele. We had a huge success with the statewide conferral of The Order of the Temple, Knighting 32 new members in at a fantastic castle along with a school of instruction and a great Knight Templar education program. That was an event for the books!

We have and still are making great headway with our York Rite Prince Hall counterparts in mutual recognition. We have kept our Sir Knights marching in many parades throughout the state. We had a strong contingency at Arlington Cemetery and Grand Encampment Easter Observance. I rededicated my Templar vows in a public Knighting ceremony at Palestine Commandery. We had DeMolay installing teams and flag retirement ceremonies. I was able to make over 25 official visits during the year. My officers and I were helping in the conferral of Orders and attending Christmas Observances. We made a great effort in being visible to the Master Masons of this state. We were in the *NC Mason*, took part at Grand Lodge open ceremonies, attracted Masons via Facebook and challenged them in our Templar education campaign.

To top off this great year, we are celebrating 900 years since the founding of the ancient Templars in Jerusalem.

Our final duty this year is to attend and conduct our annual conclave in March. We meet, conduct important business of the Grand Commandery, and enjoy the fellowship. I will remind the three dais officers of each Commandery of their duty to attend and vote. The Grand Commandery is the local Commanderies, so do your duty and come be an active part of it and its future. Please refer to our Grand York Rite website to make room and meal arrangements in time. I look forward to seeing you in Greensboro during our Grand York Rite session.

Courteously,
Stancil W. Wilson Jr
Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

As Christians, one of the great joys is the celebration of the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. One of the most impressive sites during my Masonic travels is seeing uniformed Sir Knights marching up Shooters Hill prior to the Easter observance service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. I would like to encourage all Sir Knights in North Carolina, along with their family and friends to participate in this inspirational event hosted by Grand Encampment. Hotel reservation and registration information for the 88th annual observance on April 1st, 2018 is available at <http://www.knightstemplar.org/easter2018/> and due by March 1st. The Grand Commandery Knight Templars of North Carolina will be performing a public Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on March 31st at 03:15 PM. All are encouraged to attend to support Templary in North Carolina. Please arrive at 2:45 PM and meet next to the Tomb Guard Quarters located at the Memorial Amphitheater. Email me if you are planning to attend either event.

In His Service,
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