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Sir Knights;

At the recent midyear York Rite Conference in Salem, items for legislative consideration were discussed. Quorums, short form opening, uniforms and special commanderies, were presented by officers assigned to those reviews. Look for upcoming reports on legislation as it becomes available and more complete. All legislation must be turned in 70 days prior to Grand Session.

I presented a New Knights manual, found on the front page of the Grand encampment web page(<https://knightstemplar.org>) and will be presented to each of the Knights conferred on Feb 29th. I encourage every knight to become familiar with this excellent booklet, nearly 40 pages full of things you should have been told the day you were knighted. Make it a plan to read it. I am having a few copies printed and may be available for your future use as well. I will try to have a few at the session in April.

Each Knight should be sure to enter or update their personal information on the membership program found on the Grand Encampment web site. We will have a report at the session on our current membership status and

much of it will depend on your participation. Go to the GE site (<https://knightstemplar.org/wp/>) with your Grand Encampment membership card, You will need your number, and participate in the membership program.

Also each Recorder is ordered to enter the Masonic Membership (<https://www.masonic-web.com/mms/login.aspx>) program, enter their information, then return to the entry page and request by selecting the lower option authorization box to edit your Commandery files. Each Commandery Dais officers should request “view only” access to review their own Commandery. You will receive an email to further gain the access you have requested. (You will need different and new pass code for this site.)

There is a quick and easy help program on the new site to use this simple data management and membership program. This modern program can provide you with address labels, years of service, average age, dropped or suspended members, and dozens of other reports and data on your current and passed members.

You can identify those knights that have not paid dues, and been dropped from the rolls. Others have passed and you may not have contacted their widows with sympathy or condolences. You have sworn to weld your sword in their defense. Do it. Their address is listed and if marked by the letter “C” indicates the address is viable.

The new Omicron strain of the COVID-19 virus is attacking thousands of Oregonians at this time. We can give thanks to God that its potential fatal outcomes appear lower than its predecessor, although it does seem easier to acquire.

I pray that you and yours remain healthy.

Courteously;

S.K. Grant Sharp, GC of the Grand Commandery of Oregon