



**NEWS for FEBRUARY 2023**  
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**Greetings Sir Knights:**

**We are currently seeing every day on TV and in the news, what is happening around the world and in our country. As warrior knights for Christ, we need to be ready to defend our Christian values. Are we living up to the high ideals taught in the holy book on our Masonic alter, that rule and guide to all our actions? I just received the word today that two of the Masons that I looked up to have passed to that celestial lodge above. I reflect on what it was that they did that drew me to want to be like them. The answer is I saw that in them they lived respected and have died regretted. I ask each one of you to reflect on your lives and see if you have lived that life that others will want to emulate. Do you use the holy book as your rule and guide? I find when I do this I realize that yes, I am not perfect but each day I work to improve myself in Masonry. I remember many years ago when I was in my 20s, I had stopped at a truck stop to grab a bite to eat. I was at the counter when I got into a discussion with another diner who was sitting next to me. The subject came around to religion and what as Christians was our duty to deity. I still remember my answer these many years later. It was to live a life that would have people want to know what it was that I had. That by my example people would want to also live a life in Christ. I hope and pray each night as I get ready to sleep that I can live up to that example.**

**It is time to start planning for sessions. Candidate letters of interest are quickly coming due. Plans need to be made to ensure that your commandry will be represented at the York Rite sessions coming up. Educate yourself on any resolutions that will be presented. Even if you are not a voting delegate, I encourage you to attend to see how, as they say, the sausage is made. This is a great time to visit with Sir Knights from across our great state, to break bread and remind ourselves of why it is a great day to be a Knight Templar. I look forward to seeing all of my masonic brethren, companions and Sir Knights.**

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