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Greetings Sir Knights,

Greetings Fraters! Another Holiday Season has passed, and I truly hope it has been a joyous time for everyone with many wonderful memories. Let us keep our families and those less fortunate than ourselves in the forethought of our hearts and minds. Please continue to help those who are in need by continuing to provide faith, hope, and charity wherever and whenever possible. Every month is a busy month in Templary and February is no different. As my schedule is busy, I know your schedules are also busy. It is hard to believe my year is in the final quarter and in some respects busier than the first quarter. This being a Sir Knight really is a labor of love.

This month we honor our presidents in general and the 15 documented presidents in particular who are Freemasons. February is also a very special month whereas we have the opportunity to especially honor our ladies, who make what we do as Knights Templar possible every day. Although our ladies are special every day of the year, February is the month we can go a step beyond in honoring them by showing our appreciation. Remember Sir Knights, would we be able to accomplish all we do without our lady's love and support. Take your special Lady out to dinner; buy her a card, flowers, candy and maybe an appropriate shopping spree. Lady Dottie and I wish all Templar Ladies a very Happy Valentine's Day.

Membership is always an issue and I challenge every Sir Knight to enlist a new member. Offer to present programs at Blue Lodges, Council's, Chapter's, and Invitational bodies. Call our current members who have not been in attendance and invite them to a conclave. Offer to provide transportation for those of our membership who no longer are able to drive or feel comfortable with night driving.

Upcoming events

February 1	Prince of Peace Commandery
February 8	Hermit Commandery
February 11	Forward Planning Meeting
February 15	Samuel S. Yohe Commandery
February 20	Reading Commandery
February 27	Calvary Commandery
March 17	Feast of the Paschal Lamb
March 29	AASR Good Friday Breakfast
March 29-31	Easter Sunrise Service, Alexandria, VA
March 30	Wreath Laying; Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
May 17 - 19	171st Annual Conclave: Breinigsville

Templar Knights in history: Hugues I or Hugh (c. 1074 - c. 1125) was the third son of Theobald II, Count of Blois and Adele of Valois and known as Count of Champagne although he preferred Count of Troyes. His first recorded act was a monastic gift in 1094, which became the oldest document of the Comital Archive. He was married twice and never claimed his Odo as his son, considering himself impotent. Instead, he transferred his titles to his nephew, who became Theobald II of Champagne. Hugh became a Knight Templar in 1125.

John gives us 7 tests in which to measure our Christian behavior in our walk with God. Walk in the Light (1: 6). Admit you are a Sinner (1: 8, 9). Obey God's Will (2: 4). Imitate Christ (2:6). Love others (2: 9). Love not the World (2: 15). Prove Christ's Righteous by your Life (2: 22, 29).

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Psalm 51:10



In His Service,
S.K. Thomas C. Helm
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