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Greetings all Valiant Sir Knights of the Temple:

I want to talk a little in this article about commitment. I listened the other night at the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl Foundation kick-off dinner to Marcus Spears, an All American at LSU and a National Championship winner with Nick Saban, who then played nine years in the NFL with the Dallas Cowboys. He spoke on commitment. We all need to develop a commitment for everything we do in our family life, our Masonic life, our work, and community activities. We can choose to be bad, mediocre, or great. We all need to strive to be great.

We, as Christian Knights, live by certain Christian and chivalric codes, such as faith, honesty, hope, integrity, and the list can go on and on. We need to have this commitment in everything that we do with our children, spouse, family, Masonry and especially in the community as we go out for community activities and in our work. We need to be committed to our God and family, to our country, to our work and to the Masonic brotherhood. York Rite Masonry is a key aspect of the rule and guide of our existence, and we should be committed to developing it, bringing in and mentoring our younger members.

This is, of course, bringing me back to our #1 issue this year, **RETENTION**, and **MEMBERSHIP**. I have established new membership goals for each Commandery this year. They are aggressive goals, but we need to be aggressive. We need to commit to being aggressive. We need to commit to being great; not bad and not mediocre. Continue to attend Blue Lodge meetings in your class A uniform and give a little speech or history about York Rite, especially about Knight Templary. At every raising of a Master Mason, a representative of each Commandery should be present, with petitions in hand for both the York and Scottish Rite. A newly raised Mason, in order to gain more light in Masonry, needs both the symbolism and allegories from the Scottish Rite and the symbolism and allegories from the are missing light.

Remember the Grand Conclave will be held in Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana on February 24, 25, and 26, 2022 at the Bossier City Hilton Garden Inn. More information to follow.

Always remember to put on the Armor of God, (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Onward Christian Soldiers

W. James Hill, III, REGC, Grand Commandery, Louisiana

“Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life”

“Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar

Jaque DeMolay Commandery No. 2



**W. James Hill, III Right Eminent Grand Commander visiting
Jaque DeMolay Commandery No. 2 on June 12, 2021**

Rhodes Commandery No. 7



**W. James Hill, III Right Eminent Grand Commander visiting
Rhodes Commandery No. 7 on June 7, 2021**