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Greetings, Sir Knights

As I am writing this there has been a quick change from the weather of summer to the weather of fall. In the past week the trees have started to change their colors and leaves have started to fall. It is a reminder that all things go through cycles of growth, death, and renewal. We too, as an organization, are caught in a cycle as I find in my visits to the Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon. We have lost a lot of our great ritualists and need to have the newer members step forward and learn to read the parts so that we can enter a cycle of growth. We need to have our members shake off the dormancy of summer and return to our meetings so that we can vote on new members who want to join. We need to plan for the future as we move forward in the present.



We are entering into a period of holidays that will move us into the end of the year. Understanding that we need to make certain our plans are made to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members. We need to plan for the pinnacle of our Templar Year, the Christmas Observance. If you do not have the members to put this on yourself, reach out to local Commanderies to see if you can combine to make this a memorable event for our newer Sir Knights. Invite your friends and families to attend this short but memorable event to show them our commitment to the Christian cause we have sworn to protect.

We should also be taking part in our communities for the other holidays along the way. While many of us no longer take part in Halloween, it is a great holiday for the younger children or grandchildren of our members. These young ones are our future and our support of them will have far reaching effects. As we move into November there is Veterans Day, a great opportunity to reach out to the veterans in our Lodges and communities. It is through their sacrifice that we remain a free nation. As with all things this requires planning on how to participate and that means we must have meetings to be able to do the planning. Just because we have not

done things in the past is not an excuse. Albert Einstein defined insanity as doing the same things over and over and expecting different results. It is time we tried some new ideas and new events to bring new members or to put us in good light of those who might someday consider membership.

As I am visiting our Commanderies I am speaking on the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF). In early September, I with a number of my officers, visited Oregon Health Sciences University's Casey Eye Center to meet with Dr. Ben Young who received a grant from the KTEF. We received a presentation and tour of his facilities. In a follow up Dr. Young gave us a slide presentation and a non-medical language explanation of the research that he is doing. A copy of either presentation can be sent to you by contacting Sir Knight Kevin Gladysz, Chairman of the KTEF Committee. The money we invest through our Life Sponsorships or annual assessments are being used to change people's lives. These changes have far-reaching effects for the future. I recommend that every Commandery look into investing in Life Sponsorships soon, before the current cost of these sponsorships are raised at the end of the year.

Courteously,

Dale E. Imbleau, Grand Commander



Honor to the Fallen on Veterans Day

