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Sir Knights,

Happy New Year!

Your Grand Commandery Officers continued with a busy and exciting schedule as we attended events around the state in late December and early January.

Christmas Observances brought us to the Grand Lodge where Maryland Commandery No. 1 and Monumental Crusade Commandery No. 3 held their annual joint event on December 17<sup>th</sup> and to Westminster on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, where Carroll Beauceant Commandery No. 8 held their first Observance since their merger. Both celebrations were well attended and enjoyed, together with family, friends, and our fellow Sir Knights. I want to congratulate SK Lino Baal and SK Mike Raab for all their efforts in planning and making these events very special evenings.

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Christmas Observance at Grand Lodge, I had the pleasure to assist our Grand Prelate, Charles Beckhardt, with our Annual York Rite Religious Service for the residents at Bonnie Blink as the Grand Commandery was the host this year. Unfortunately, due to a COVID outbreak at the homes, the service was conducted on closed-circuit television to the residents in their rooms. The Grand Prelate delivered a wonderful service and I hope that his message resonated with all the residents as much as it did with me.

On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, our Sir Knights assisted with the installation of Officers of the Westminster Assembly #245 Social Order of the Beauceant. I want to thank all of those who attended and showed their support. Our best wishes to Westminster Assembly for a wonderful year.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Lady Christine and I had the pleasure to attend Twelfth Night which was hosted by Monumental Crusade Commandery No. 3. The Gothic Room at Grand Lodge is the perfect setting for this event. Thank you to VEDGC Scott Lapp and Lady Marcy for a wonderful time. The food and entertainment were very enjoyable. It was nice to have in attendance SK Mark Button, REGC of Delaware, and his wife, Heike.

A Mid-Atlantic York Rite Leadership Education Program & Seminar has been scheduled for March 2, 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity for all who may be interested in learning or further enhancing their leadership skills. This will be held in Alexandria, Virginia so it is not far to travel, and you will have the opportunity to meet and interact with Sir Knights and others from the 6 Grand Commanderies of the Mid-Atlantic Region. All three classes are being offered and seating is limited to fifty attendees per class. This is not just open for Sir Knights, it is open to all masons, their wives, and all other masonic organizations, York Rite and Scottish Rite, including our youth groups. Course materials will be furnished. The only cost to the attendee will be your lunch and any travel and lodging you incur to get there. Please see the flyer on this website.

The Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta will be conferred at Palestine Commandery on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and at Maryland Commandery No. 1 on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come out to show your support for our new candidates and to enjoy some outstanding ritual work.

It is my great honor to serve as the REGC of Maryland. We will strive to make the best experience possible for you as a Knights Templar in Maryland.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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