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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TENNESSEE

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To the Officers and Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee, and to the Officers and Knights of the Constituent Commanderies thereof:

Sir Knights,

I am deeply honored for the confidence you have placed in me in electing me to serve as Grand Commander for the coming year. I promise that I will do my best to fulfil the duties of my office and to represent the Knights of Tennessee with honor and dignity. I would also like to thank my Grand Officers for agreeing to serve. You have an outstanding group of Officers and they are dedicated to serving the Order. I ask that you remember us in your prayers this year.

I along with the other Dias Officers intend to continue the Templar Revitalization Effort begun last year. Some of our Commanderies have begun to implement these ideas and the result is promising. I encourage each of you to lay aside any doubts you might have. Having endured the trials of the past three years, we are now in a position to move Templary forward in a strong and energetic way.

We will continue our efforts to involve families at our events, and to support our youth organizations of Rainbow and DeMolay. We also will continue to support the covenant made by Grand Master Kussmann to support the Social Order of the Beauceant.

I ask that you look for opportunities to engage in public events of a civic, patriotic, or religious nature, to promote a positive image of our Order and bring Templary into the public eye. Let your communities know what we as Christian Masonic Knights stand for and what our Order is about.

We should also look for ways to recognize those Knights who contribute in ordinary ways to help our Order. We have so many Knights who do simple things to help our Commanderies run, with no thought or recognition or reward. They do this because they love Templary, and we owe them our thanks.

Finally, we need to continue to support our charities of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Holy Land Pilgrimage. Each Commandery should hold at least one fundraiser this year for at least one of these. If you are able to sponsor a minister to the Holy Land, please do so. Our two chairmen, SK Tim Sutton (KTEF) and SK Bobby Blankenship (HLP) are always ready to answer questions. Feel free to contact them or one of the Grand Dias Officers at any time.

Knights, again I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Grand Commander.

Courteously,

Robert B. Beam
RE Grand Commander