**FIRST LETTER**

**(TO BE SENT FEBRUARY OF THE YEAR)**

**DIRECTED TO MEMBERS ABOUT TO BE SUSPENDED FOR N0N-PAYMENT OF DUES**

MY Dear Friend and Sir Knight

Fraternal Greetings.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia Section 27 requires that annual dues be paid by December 31 for the upcoming year.

Never in the history of this great country of ours’s has it been so important for men who believe in the things that have made America the greatest country in the world, to remain bonded together in a Fraternity such as our Masonic Order. The principles and teachings of Masonry are a mighty bulwark against those who would destroy this country of ours.

You are a very important member of our Fraternity and the Commandery of Knights Templar, and even though you may not be able to attend or give the time you wish, the fact that you by your dues have contributed to our Knight Templar charities make you very important to all of Templar Masonry.

We find that your dues for this year have not been paid of yet. If for reason of age, illness, or financial difficult you feel that you are unable to pay your dues, we still want you as a member. Just drop me a line with the simple statement – “I am unable to pay my dues at this time” – and the dues will be remitted for this year in keeping with our Masonic and Christian teachings of caring for a worthy Brother and Sir Knight.

May our Heavenly Father bless and keep you and yours for many years to come.

Sincerely and fraternally,