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Sir Knights—

Welcome to July and the heat. It is kind of fitting that one of the topics of my message this month was going to be Civility (especially after I just left Wal-Mart, one of the most un-civil places in Pasco). Now there are Scholars far smarter than I am that have written far more eloquently on the subject than I can. George Washington has a small book on it. Words when once spoken can never be taken back and while they may be forgiven, they are often not forgotten. I usually ask myself the following questions when I am in a conversation I see going south: 1. Does this need to be said? 2. Does it need to be said right now? 3. Does it need to be said by me? 4. Does it promote a positive change? I mean, after all, arguing over a point of view is pointless if you think about it.

The man who is correct in any situation can learn something from the man who was wrong. And as long as it isn't life threatening what does it hurt to agree to disagree? By the time this article prints I will have completed my first two visitations with Malta Commandry and Pasco Commandry. I want to thank the Sir knights for their warm reception and hospitality. I look forward to visiting with each of you as much as possible throughout my year. I am happy to help in any way I can. I look forward to constituting Falls City Commandry soon

so keep your eye on the Focus for that event. I hope to see you all at our picnic on July 20th. And last but not least be well and God Bless you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

SK Barron J. White, REGC Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington