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Sir Knight Bobby E. Crittendon Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky 2022-2023

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Recorders, and Members of the Grand Commandery of Ky;

Dear Sir Knights;

Greetings! Once again, I come before you expressing my thanks and graditude for electing me as your Grand Commander. I was in this very same position ten years ago. As the years have passed by, I've seen the many ups and downs in membership and degree work. We have seem to go from conferring work to reading it. This tends to put a bad taste in the mouth of the candidate. Sir Knights, we can do better. Please do not wait until one hour before your meeting to pick up your

rituals. This year, we're going to start with the basics. We're going to learn how to march and give sword cuts. There will be no schools of instruction, but I will instruct your divisional commanders to incourage reherrsals before each meeting.

My sincere congradulations to Sir Knight Joe Giles for an outstanding year. I learned a long time ago that the only shoes you have to worry about filling are your own. The Grand Commandery of Kentucky has been very lucky over the years to have had some excellent leaders. I promise to carry on that tradition. However, I will not ask my officers to do anything I wouldn't do. If a commandery needs help, we will do our very best to assist. Although, I will insist that our commanderies will make every attempt to do your own work.

Another thing I must insist on, is, although we love our masonry, please do not let this great fraternity come between you and your family. I had a great tragedy happen to my family this

summer. We suddenly lost our three month old great grandson. This taught me just how close we must be to our love ones. If you have to choose between masonry and your family, please, by all means, choose your family. Meetings can wait, but, family can't.

Please remember the Eye Foundation and Holy Land Pilgrimage. I have chosen Gregory England to chair the Eye Foundation and PGC Larry Carte to head up our Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Once again, Sir Knights, we are your Grand Commandery Officers. We're only a phone call or an email away.

Until I see you in your Commandery, I remain,

Sincerely and Fraternally Thine, Bobby E. Crittendon R.E. Grand Commander



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