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Greetings Sir Knights,

For the month of November, we celebrate both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Our servicemen and women risk their lives so that we, as Americans, may live with the freedom and principles upon which our country was created. During this time of giving thanks to what our Blessed Savior has bestowed us, please say a prayer for those who have served or are currently serving in our nation's armed forces.

For this month's communication, I feel it is fitting to revisit where our Masonic Journey first began: Inside King Solomon's Temple. Below is taken from 1 Kings 6 (New Living Translation) which describes the Temple in great and descriptive way:

"The Temple that King Solomon built for the Lord was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. The entry room at the front of the Temple was 30 feet wide by 15 feet. There were narrow recessed windows throughout the Temple. There was a complex of rooms against the outer walls of the Temple, all the way around the sides and rear of the building, three stories high connected to the walls of the Temple by beams resting on ledges built out from the wall. The beams were not inserted into the walls themselves."

"The entrance to the bottom floor was on the south side of the Temple. Winding stairs led to the second floor with another flight of stairs between the second and third floors. The ceiling was made of cedar beams and planks."



"The entire inside, from floor to ceiling, was paneled with wood, the walls and ceilings with cedar and cypress for the floors. The main room of the Temple, outside the Most Holy Place, was 60 feet long. Cedar paneling completely covered the stone walls throughout the Temple, and the paneling was decorated with carvings of gourds and open flowers."

"The inner sanctuary, The Most Holy Place, at the far end of the Temple, where the Ark of the Lord's Covenant would be placed, was 30 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 30 feet high and was overlaid with solid gold. Also overlaid with gold was the altar made of cedar and the rest of the Temple's interior. There were gold chains to protect the entrance to the Most Holy Place."



Don't forget about the Commander's Challenge. Our goal is for each constituent commandery to donate \$1,000 to be split amongst our Youth Fraternal Organizations. Both the DeMolays and the Rainbows would benefit greatly from our generosity.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a scripture:
"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)

I wish all the Sir Knights of Texas a Blessed and Peaceful Thanksgiving.

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