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STILL LOTS OF WORK TO DO

Sir Knights, as we move into May we have completed our 2023 inspection season. I want to congratulate each of the commanderies who have successfully completed their annual inspection. Thank you very much for your diligence and the effort expended in completing your inspections. I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the Sir Knights who served as Inspecting Officers this inspection season. The sacrifice that each of you make in time, mileage, and finances does not go unnoticed by me and I greatly appreciate everything that each of you do to support the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Overall, we had a highly successful inspection season but there are still a handful of commanderies with Discrepancy Reports that need to be resolved. While the majority of these discrepancies deal with the performance of the Eminent Commander, there are also some commanderies which did not have quorum present at their inspection. Regardless of the reason that the Discrepancy Report was issued, the discrepancy must be resolved by midnight on May 31st or the commanderies annual inspection will be considered "Incomplete". I encourage each of the affected Eminent Commanders to coordinate with your division leadership to perform the required actions necessary to complete your inspection as soon as possible.

In addition to those commanderies which were issued Discrepancy Reports, there are also several commanderies which have successfully completed their inspections but have not successfully Knighted a candidate during this Templar year. If these commanderies do not Knight a candidate prior to May 31st, they will be placed on probation. As Grand Commander, I have no discretion in this matter.

Section 176 of the Code and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America specifically States: [A Commandery that fails to hold a Conclave for twelve consecutive months, or fails to Knight a single candidate within such period, shall be placed on probation for the period of one year and if thereafter fails to hold a Conclave for the next twelve consecutive months or Knight a single candidate within such period, its Charter may be arrested.](#)

As we move forward into May, there are multiple York Rite Festivals and All-Order Days scheduled throughout the state. If your commandery has not Knighted a candidate this year, then I would strongly encourage you to make every effort to Knight a candidate prior to May 31st. If your commandery fails to Knight a candidate during this Templar year, you will be placed on probation. This is not an action that I am anxious to take but it IS a requirement that I must adhere to. I have no choice in this matter, and I will comply with the requirements of the Grand Encampment Code.

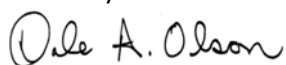
Following the Knighting of a candidate, the Recorder must enter the required information into MMS prior to midnight on May 31st to receive credit for the Knighting. I am asking all Recorders to be vigilant and aggressive in entering all new Sir Knights into MMS as soon as they are Knighted. It would be very unfortunate to have a commandery placed on probation due to an oversight or incomplete documentation.

In addition to the York Rite Festivals and All-Order Days there are two Military Balls scheduled in May. The Northeastern Division Military Ball takes place on May 6th. Location is the Tadmore Shrine, 3000 Krebbs Drive, Akron, Ohio. Doors open at 5:00 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. The East Central Division Military Ball is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2023. Location is the Amrou Grotto Building, 2560 Old River Rd., Zanesville, Ohio 43701. Registration and social hour begin at 5:00 pm. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Lady Diana and I are planning to attend both exciting events and I am hoping to see as many of you as possible. I look forward to spending a fun and enjoyable evening with you.

Please do not rest on your laurels just because the inspection season is finished. We have a month to resolve any outstanding inspection or membership issues and I encourage each commandery to make every effort to accomplish a Knighting if you have not already done so. I thank you all for your continued support and I ask that you continue to work to serve the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Please stay safe and I hope to see you at a York Rite Festival, All-Order Day, or Military ball in May.

God Bless you all and please stay safe!

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale A. Olson".

Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Ohio