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From the Desk of the Grand Commander

To: Elected and Appointed Grand Officers; Past Grand Officers; Division Commanders; Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

COMMUNICATION NUMBER ONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

Sir Knights:

I pray this communication finds you well. I wanted to mention a few things about communications within the Grand Commandery and our Constituent Commanderies that I have seen one or two problems with.

Remember that if you have a question about something in your Commandery or that has come from Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment, you should first go to your Eminent Commander for clarification. If your Eminent Commander does not have the answer after checking with the other officers in the Commandery, he should be going up the Chain of Command to the Division Commander. If the Division Commander does not have the answer, he should continue up the chain to the Section Officer, and so on to the Grand Commander, and beyond if necessary.

Please do not go around the Chain of Command. I'm sure any of you would not appreciate it if or when you have been in charge and a Sir Knight was to go around you to another level with a question or concern without consulting you first. It is also not appreciated by Sir Knights at

other levels when they find out a Sir Knight did not follow the Chain of Command and give it a chance to work and provide a satisfactory answer.

Grand Commandery may sometimes seem slow in providing information, but that is because we are trying to make sure that the information we give is correct and in the best interests of all of our Sir Knights.

Yours in Templary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark G. Mattern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark G. Mattern
Grand Commander

Attest:

Douglas M. Rowe
Grand Recorder