

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

It's the end of June and I'm writing this supplement for you to read in August.

As I write, Knights Templary remains under restriction by Grand Master Nelson of the Grand Encampment. This order means that we must not be meeting "in person" or have any "in person" events.

While this has certainly slowed down our efforts to achieve the objectives set for the Grand Commandery back in November 2019, that doesn't mean we must sit on our hands and do nothing.

With the success of Deputy Grand Commander Austin's program to communicate with our Sir Knights, we learned that just keeping in touch with our Sir Knights was well received and made a difference to many who may have needed that contact for one reason or another. We should be continuing this program in the future and I'm sure it will be emphasized by the Deputy in the next few months.

In the past few months many Grand Commanderies in other jurisdictions have held their Annual or Semi-Annual conclaves electronically. Many Blue Lodges in Maryland have embarked on holding electronic meetings also. If your Commandery hasn't already done so I urge you to make an attempt to hold a monthly conclave using one of several methods available. I know some Commanderies are waiting to install or even to elect dais officers. This can be done at an electronic meeting.

Grand Recorder Brown stands ready to assist any recorder who would need advice or help in setting up "zoom" or "go to meeting". He has become quite proficient at using both systems.

Your Grand Commandery officers have had several of these electronic meetings and these meetings have been helpful in keeping us on target to complete the work assign at the beginning of my term.

In November 2019 we set objectives for our Commanderies. Many Commanders have reported on their efforts thus far. I ask that our Commanders blow the dust off the folders issued to them in November and see if there are any actions they could take, even under the current restrictions, to address some of the objectives they may not have completed.

By now we have completed the semi-annual meeting which was scheduled for July 18th. Soon every Sir Knight will be advised by their Commandery Recorders of what went on at this conclave.

Please remain safe, be smart, and pray for the day we have Covid-19 under control and are able to again meet.

Yours in service to Christ,

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