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Let's Meet Virtually!

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

Congratulations to Sir Knight Matthew L. Quesenberry, our new Grand Warder. With his election to the Grand Line, he is following in the footsteps of his brother Sir Knight Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC. It seems like only yesterday when I was elected Grand Warder – my how time passes by. I look forward to working with Matt and all the Grand Officers this year.

As this article reaches your mailbox, we are in the middle of summer. Independence Day is in our rear view mirror and August is just days away. I hope that everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July as we celebrated the freedoms that we all enjoy.

Normally in these articles, the Grand Commander reports about his travels – Commanderies that he has visited and the hospitalities that he has received. As we know this year is anything but normal which brings up the question of how to meet. One solution is to hold virtual meetings.

Over the last two months, several Commanderies have held virtual meetings to elect officers and conduct their regular order of business. This is the new normal that we now have to adjust to. I imagine that the "in-person" meetings will be on hold for several more months until the spread of the COVID-19 virus slows or a vaccine is available. So, if you are a Commander waiting until you can meet again in person, you might as well accept the inevitable and join us on the World Wide Web.

Your Grand Commandery Officers use the WebEx meeting platform to hold monthly meetings. During these meetings, we review our expenditures with the Finance and Accounts Committee as well as review and discuss the business and concerns that require the attention of the Grand Commander and/or the Grand Commandery Line Officers. These meetings improve the communication between the Grand Commandery Officers and helps to prepare the Line Officers for their year as Grand Commander.

Last month, we held a WebEx meeting with the appointed Regional Grand Commanders. During this meeting we discussed the duties of the RGC's, any current problems within their Regions, and what my expectations were for this Templar year. The meeting was well attended and will be held monthly. One of the items discussed was our seven regional conclaves which will be held virtu-

ally this year. We are in the process of scheduling these conclaves and notices will be posted on our website calendar, Facebook, and sent to the Recorders in each Region. In addition, invitation emails will be forwarded to the Recorders.

The Grand Encampment's South Central Department Conference will be held on September 19, 2020. This conference will be held virtually and more information will be announced when available. The Department Conferences from September to November will also be virtual conferences.

Most of our Masonic Lodges are holding meetings again. I encourage you to attend your Symbolic (Blue) Lodge meetings as often as possible. Remember that our new membership will come from our Lodges, so don't forget to bring a petition for the York Rite Bodies with you. My Lodge meets using the social distancing rules and requires face masks at all times. Other than not having meals, refreshments, and friendly handshakes, everything else is the same.

During this time of social isolation, let us not forget about our obligation to help those who need our assistance. Keep in touch as much as possible with your membership by telephone and lend a helping hand to those who need assistance. Some of our Sir Knights may be in need of fellowship in these times. As for many, this is all they have and they could be alone in their thoughts. This should also apply to anyone that you know and might even be a lonely neighbor down the street. A simple act of kindness can change somebody's world.

So, in conclusion, enjoy the remaining days of summer – be careful and kind to everyone. "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." (John 15:9 KJV)

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Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, Grand Commander

2020-2021 GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Grand Commander, SK Charles E. Cooper

Deputy Grand Commander, SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr.

Grand Generalissimo, SK Dennis A. Abernathy

Grand Captain General, SK Michael C. Rohman

Grand Senior Warden, SK Kevin B. Sample

Grand Junior Warden, SK Bobbie E. White

Grand Standard Bearer, SK Ronald L. Skiles

Grand Sword Bearer, SK Terry D. Coppotelli

Grand Warder, SK Matthew L. Quesenberry

Grand Sentinel, SK Jim E. Berry

Grand Prelate, SK David D. Powell

Grand Treasurer, SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Grand Recorder, SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

How to Schedule a Virtual Commandery Meeting!

The Recorder, or someone authorized by him, needs to send an email request to SK Hanson (hansonr@missouri.edu) with the date and time of the proposed Commandery meeting.

SK Hanson will set up the WebEx meeting and forward an invitation email to the email sender that will need to be forwarded to the Commandery membership.

SK Hanson will host the WebEx meeting.