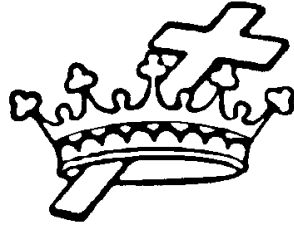


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Sir Knights,

I hope all are staying safe and mostly at home. I know that this is not the time to be socializing without limits. As we are dealing with this pandemic. But it is not the time to loose sight of the Knights who have become dear in our hearts. We need to keep in touch with them and see if there is a need that arises. I know that virtual meetings are not the way we expected to get things done in the past, but they seem to be a reality at present times. Though I feel there is nothing greater to me than experiencing the friendship that I gain on a one to one or face to face meeting, there is also something to be said with the virtual meetings. I would like to suggest that you try to get involved with one of the groups that are having them and learn what may be happening, of which you may not have been aware.

There are many things that you can do during these times.

- One). Practice the ritual.
- Two). Practice the sword work (in front of a mirror.
- Three). Keep in touch with the distressed Knights and give them a comforting word to show them you care so they do not feel alone.
- Four). Do research on things that give you a better understanding of who we are, what we represent, and how to give a proper view to those we meet a good representation.

These are a few things that I have come up with, but I'm sure that you can do or have many more ideas if you try. I would be glad if you would like to share them.

This past week, I've joined with three virtual meetings,

which I feel were successful as far as progressing in the business and information that needs to be continuous in these times of social distancing. The first meeting was with the Membership Committee of the Grand lodge to provide a think tank to come up with ideas that may give more bang for the buck, so to speak. The second was a York Rite College meeting which was pretty much restricted to keeping up with the business at hand, relaying messages of sickness and distressed in these times of shut-ins, and providing hope to help in the future with needed assistance. The third meeting was a very good meeting for the same reasons as in the other two, but it also included a wonderful, and well presented paper. So, this is why I feel that there is benefit in joining in if you can.

At this point, most of the governing bodies are hoping to be in phase III by September 1st. Still a lot to do and a lot of trials to go through. I am hoping that a vaccine will be found in the near future and that some of the suffering can subside, letting things go back to a near normal range. But in reality, no one seems to have an idea when that will happen.

There is still speculation of another surge in the pandemic happening in the fall, especially if a vaccine is not developed by then.

As most know the the uncertainty of when and how we could have a grand session, our trustees voted to wait until the April 2021 year as stated in our By-Laws and leave the Officers remaining in their respective offices. They also agree to allow the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to extend the budget from 2019-20 to 2020-21. Of course, anything in excess of the budget will need to be approved by the Trustees as per code. This is another way that a zoom meeting could be helpful.

With this said, food for thoughts,
Sincerely and fraternally,

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