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Vincent E. Perry, Right Eminent Grand Commander



From the Office of your Right Eminent Grand
Commander,

Sir Knight Vincent E. Perry:

Greeting to all Sir Knights and their families. I trust you are well. Each morning I watch the news to see how the COVID-19 is progressing throughout our nation. The CDC and WHO reports are still very disturbing to me. From my position as your Grand Commander, I hear how some of our Brothers and their ladies have been in quarantine for at least 14 days. And some have had to deal with the unpleasantness of long hospital stays. Our Grand Master Sir Knight Nelson made some hard choices for all of us. I cannot fathom the thoughts, prayers, and wise counsel he went through before issuing General Order #12. Therefore, I made the decision after discussions with our Department Commander Sir Knight Reinhold to cancel our Grand Commandery for 2020, to resume on April 8, 9, and 10, 2021, at the same hotel in Huntington, W.Va. The reservations have been secured for these dates and at the same price. Our Sir Knights that have already pre-paid their deposits have been

returned to them. We will need to re-apply next year when your Recorders have the new registrations forms.

I am holding all Grand Line officers and appointed officers to hold their current office until April 2021. Also, all committees will remain with the same personnel. The merit awards and the Knight Templar Cross of Honor have been settled for year 2019-2020 and are in my possession. These will be awarded at the appropriate time. We will make an announcement when the time comes.

I am now looking for new merit award recommendations for the year 2020-2021. Please send the proper forms to F. Lee West, chairman of the Committee on Merit Awards, for consideration. I would like these to be submitted no later than Jan. 31, 2021. Please get with your recorders and dais officers and assist me in this process. The petition for Merit Award is available on the Grand Encampment website.

Now I am pleased to report that a new Charter has been received from the Grand Encampment, and copies have been forwarded, by PGC Ball and PGC Baker, to our lawyers concerning our tax situation. I am anticipating our taxes to be taken care of soon.

I wish everyone a safe and sickness free summer. Remember to wear a face mask, observe social distancing, and most importantly wash your hands often.

God bless each of you and please stay safe,
Vincent E. Perry
Right Eminent Grand Commander