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MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND COMMANDER

Greetings Sir Knights!

It's been another month in a holding pattern. No additional information from the Grand Encampment. I was told I should receive a letter from the Grand Encampment early November which will provide some long-awaited guidance. I attended the Grand Lodge session and it was well orchestrated, but I missed a lot of people I usually see each year. Congratulations to our new Grand Master Jan Giddens and all the Grand Officers and to our new 3rd Grand Steward Scott Johnson. The Grand Commandery Officers had a virtual meeting the October 28th. We discussed the Inspections, Christmas Observance, Knight Templar Eye Foundation contributions the Easter Sunrise Service and our annual meeting but again it's all mote until we know when we'll be able to get things rolling again. We haven't been together in person since our last Inspection in Atlanta which was February 22. It seems like a life time ago. I was fortunate enough to make it to Alabama and South Carolina's Grand York Rite sessions before we got shut down. These virtual sessions just aren't what I think of meeting. As I mentioned last month about getting together for some type of Christmas Observance all I've been notified of is Waycross York Rite Observance December 3rd, the Greater Atlanta York Rite Observance at Marietta December 13th and Macon Area York Rite Observance December 17th, if there's others please let us know and get them scheduled on the York Rite Calendar.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF GEORGIA TEMPLARY (CONT.)

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ALEXIUS COMMANDERY #22

The 2nd Annual Conclave April 22nd 1861 the Grand Commandery had only been in existence for a few months when the war broke out and some of its members suggested the advisability of severing its connection with the Grand Encampment of the United States. The Grand Commander did not approve of it. "It may be thought necessary by some to consider how far the political state of the country may affect our relations to the Grand Encampment of the United States. I mention the subject only for the purpose of saying that any agitation of it seems to me premature. In view of the ties which bind us all to that body, nothing but absolute necessity—necessity from which there is no escape—can justify us in making any change. That necessity may arise—it is by no means improbable, but it has not arisen. In the seventeen months, which are yet to elapse before the next Triennial meeting, the rapid progress of recent events leads us reasonably to expect that our path of duty will be made plain. On the state of things which gives rise to these remarks, this is not the time nor place to comment. I may be allowed, however, to say that, in this body, there can be but one opinion and one felling on the subject; and that should the time come (as come it may) when that feeling is to find expression, it will be manifested in a form more practical than words."

The Committee which had been appointed to prepare the Statutes and Regulations presented them and they were adopted.

The 3rd Annual Conclave April 27, 1862 there was no quorum present and the Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment.

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UPCOMING COMMANDERY INSPECTION SCHEDULE

**ALL INSPECTIONS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER
DECEMBER 31, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**