

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF HAWAII

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Aloha Companions,

I hope that this month's edition finds you healthy and sane! It was good to see everyone on the Southwest Department Conference Virtual (Zoom) meeting this past weekend. While we did miss the camaraderie and fellowship, the meeting was a very informative and very well laid out. For those that could not attend, here is some of the information that was shared:

- a. Membership, membership, membership! Continues to be the theme for this Triennial and we must double-down on our efforts during the pandemic. That means involving our Masonic Brothers interested in York Rite Masonry as much as possible until we can hold a Festival.
- b. A General Order will be issued (or will have been issued by this publication), lessening some of the meeting restrictions. Please keep in mind that we are still subject to the Grandmaster of Mason's in Hawaii's order and may still not be able to meet in person.
- c. The Annual Leadership Training will continue to be virtual up through the 400 Level series.
- d. Sir Knights are encouraged to become Life Members of the KT Eye Foundation (only \$100, <https://www.ktef.org/>) and to elect to receive the Knight Templar Magazine electronically.
- e. The Triennial will be held on August 14-18, 2021 in Minneapolis. Some changes that you can expect at the 68<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave include: an increase in per capita, the dissolution of the Coordinator position, the creation of two new Departments, any much more!

We also briefly discussed Virtual Conferral of Orders and that does not appear to be an option at this time. However, if our local meeting restrictions continue to preclude us from meeting in person, we may need to consider other options, such as maybe a joint Festival with another jurisdiction on the mainland.

Also to be announced early this month will be the decision as to whether or not to hold our Annual Conclave in person or to go virtual as well. Either way, please save the date of February 27, 2021, and please make plans to attend and participate. Not only will we be voting in our next year's officers, but we will also be voting on such items as an increase in per capita (first increase since inception).

It is definitely an exciting time and while we all miss our in-person meetings, it is good to see everyone making the best of it and embracing technology.

Until next month...

Yours in chivalry,

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