


ILLINOIS SUPPLEMENT

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William J. Farris
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Pro Deo et Patria

Greetings Sir Knights:

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.” Quote from Mark Twain.

I love to travel, not just for Masonic and Templar events, but for personal and social events as well. Meeting and socializing with other people and experiencing their lives and cultures has a tremendous impact on you outlook and life. We live in an overwhelming media world where everything that is said or printed is hardly the truth. Don't believe and be influenced by just what you hear or read. Find the truth yourself. Travel, talk to people, meet new people, explore new cultures, find out the truth for yourself. I am so proud to be a member of this fraternity that takes pride and strives to rid themselves of bigotry, prejudice, and narrow-mindedness. Don't be influenced by the few, (every organization has some) try and bring them to the light.

Remember your significant other on Valentine’s Day. It is because of their love and understanding that we are able to spend so much time with our beloved fraternity

One last thought take an impromptu survey of your acquaintances under the age of thirty years and see how many actually have heard of Samuel Clemens.

Fraternally,

William J. Farris, Grand Commander

February Inspections

Saturday, February 1

St. Bernard No. 35 First Division
5418 West Gale Street, Chicago

Ottawa No. 10 Second Division
916 Columbus Street, Ottawa

Elwood No. 6 Third Division -Dias of GCG
1020 Rickard Road, Springfield

St. Omar No. 30 Fifth Division
903 South Main Street, Hillsboro

Saturday, February 8

Gil Bernard No. 74 @ Beaumanoir No. 9 Fourth Division
221 West William Street, Decatur

Saturday, February 15

Palestine No. 27 Fourth Division
301 South Central Avenue, Paris

Patton No. 69 Fifth Division
124 North Tenth Street, Mt. Vernon

Saturday, February 22

Bethel No. 36 First Division
455 West Dundee Road, Palatine

Saturday, February 29

Apollo No. 1 First Division
129 West Wesley Street, Wheaton

Gorin No. 14 Fifth Division
201 Washington Street, Bridgeport