

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

In keeping with the theme of my first three supplements I will continue to speak to another of our objectives for 2020 in this supplement.

I have asked our Commanders and Recorders to report on any Civic or Patriotic activities in their communities that may regularly occur or which may be occurring in 2020 that the Grand Commandery might participate in.

In December we had a small presence in the Baltimore City Mayor's Parade and of course there is always a great turnout of Sir Knights for the Westminster Maryland Memorial Day parade, where we are led by Carroll Commandery #17.

So if you are aware of any event that might get us before the public please report this to your Recorder and he will let the Grand Commandery know.

There are several ways you can "show off" Knights Templary on your own.

- Have your auto tags replaced with Knights Templar tags. This is easy and the forms and directions are found on the York Rite web-site under the Grand Commandery; look in the Grand Recorders information section.
- Go to your Blue Lodge in your uniform. This has been approved by the Grand Master. No Chapeau or sword and you have permission to wear an apron with your uniform.

- We have scholarships available through the Knights Templar Education Foundation of \$2,000.00 each. These scholarships can be used for college, community college, advanced degrees, as well as training in the trades. Again look on the web-site in the same location stated above for the appropriate forms. These scholarships are available to those within the fraternity as well as those outside the fraternity.

Unfortunately, every year there are scholarships that go unused. Here's an opportunity to be a "hero" in your community.

- We have opportunities with our Holy Land Pilgrimage program to send a Minister to the Holy Land on a week-long tour which follows the path Christ trod through Jerusalem. Perhaps you know a Minister that you think would be interested in this. You should give that Minister's name to your Commandery Recorder, who can contact that Minister about the program.

I'm sure you can think of other ways to help Templary "**go public**". Showing people who we are is an important part of any plan to increase membership and is something all Sir Knights should have a part in. So dig down, think about this, and if you have suggestions for the Grand Commandery please forward them to Kris Brown, our Grand Recorder at kdbrown55@gmail.com.

Yours in service to Christ,

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