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Knighly News

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Sir Knights,

As we now enter July we are getting closer to the time when we will be able to return to a new normal of meeting. Even after we return to our asylums there will be changes in how we meet and how we perform our tasks. Those changes are to make certain that we can keep our Sir Knights and their families as safe as possible.

We have missed several of our annual events but by the use of technology we are making the best of the situation. I am thankful that we are having this now as opposed to even twenty years ago when the ability to Zoom into a conclave would have even been possible. By the use of virtual meetings we have been able to hold conclaves, Ascension Day service, the reception for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and St. Johns Day service. Even though most of us miss being able to meet in person we need to be thankful for the technology that we have at our fingertips.

During the installation I mentioned that there were three areas that tied all of us together and over the last couple months we have discussed Faith and Family the third and final is Fellowship.

Fellowship

As Masons and more especially Templars it is through our shared Faith and by being of the Masonic Family that we are tied by the opportunities of Fellowship. Webster defines fellowship as a company of equals or friends while that definition could apply to our society it isn't exactly the entire meaning of fellowship. In 1 John Fellowship is given a deeper meaning when it is explained that fellowship between friends is filled with joy when the faith in Christ is part of that Fellowship. We as Knights Templar have a shared Faith in Christ that fills our Fellowship with joy.

Even during this period of virtual conclaves and other masonic meetings there is still a strong fellowship to be shared among all of the Sir Knights. The love that we hold for our fraters comes through even online. If there has been one bright spot to the suspension of in-person meetings has been the determination of many Commanderies to continue meeting and not only providing excellent education but more importantly the type of fellowship that has encouraged many Sir Knights to call in, many of them attend Commandery for the first time in several years.

By the use of technology we have been able to provide fellowship with many Sir Knights and help them to keep spirits high and bring smiles to faces. It is through our shared Faith that we are a masonic Family that finds much joy because of our Fellowship.

Until I see you down the road...

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