



Marvin S. Blaine, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

With July being here, hopefully we are back to meeting in our York rite bodies. In the last 2 months I have seen both good and bad things going on in this world. It makes me think what has happened to the people in last 40 to 50 years. I know in the past when something bad happened we always try to help each other out, whether we were Masons or people who are not. In this world today there are people out there who are taking advantage of people who can't help themselves because of the virus. As Knights templars we should not let this happen. Christians should always lend a helping hand when it is needed.

As Christians, Masons and Templars this should be at our forefront. That is the basis of being a Mason and Templar, because when we came into the lodge this was first thing that we were taught. As we went through the degrees in Lodge, Chapter, Council and the Orders of the Commandery, this built on each time we moved up in our journey. You notice I said Orders instead degrees in the Temple. I made a mistake one time and said degrees in the Temple, boy did I get chewed on for that. I try not to make that mistake ever again. Hope you got a little laugh out of that; it is a true story.

Sir Knights we must always be kind, helpful and respectful to our Brothers, Companions, other Sir Knights and to the people who are not Masons. I believe that God is testing us with this virus to see if we can show love and compassion that he showed us by giving us Jesus. For Jesus showed love and compassion for the sick and hungry; I believe we need to follow in his footsteps during these trying times.

Sir Knights if there anything that I can do to help I'm only a phone call away. May God guard, guide and protect you and your families and may Jesus always be with you and in your hearts.

Courteously,

*Marvin S. Blaine,*

Grand Commander

- ❖ **We hope to see you at a York Rite meeting this month.** As of the submission deadline for our insert, the Grand Master has announced that **we will resume Masonic activities in July**, with less than 50 in attendance. Hopefully, as you read this, that will be a reality; I know we have bodies across the state that have candidates and that are chomping at the bits to get back to work.
- ❖ At this time, as with Grand Lodge, **we do not know the status of our Grand Sessions** in September. We must have certain numbers to receive the hotel rates and meal costs at the Embassy Suites, and with the continued uncertainty of being able to have a gathering of the required size to meet those negotiated numbers, our Sessions are up in the air at present. Decisions by the Grand Officers will be posted on the York Rite web site and the various Face Book pages.
- ❖ We also try to keep our membership as up-to-date as possible through the **Kentucky Keystone**, which is published around the first of the month and sent via email to our subscribers. If you aren't receiving that publication and would like to be added to our mailing list, contact the Editor at the email address below.
- ❖ **Continue to Support our Charities:** the Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, the Education Foundation. Plans are being made to attend the **Easter Pilgrimage** next year, so keep that in mind and make your plans to be a part of that experience.

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