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SK George L. Herbolsheimer, IV, REGC – July 2020 Message

My Fraters,

I'm going to try again. Last month I said that I hoped we would be again meeting to push the great work of Templary forward. Needless to say, that hasn't happened as I wished. Remember the old saying "Man proposes". In this case the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment disposed. I can't blame him; our Templar family is of an age that makes us the most susceptible to the ravages of this virus, but I do hope that we can find a reasonable answer to this problem. One thing in our favor: our asylums are generally large enough to allow social distancing!

Thank you to all the Commanderies who have been reaching out to their members. Remember that the York Rite has a commercial "zoom" for your use - contact the office to use it. One of the blessings of our "zoom" meetings is that some of the members who we haven't seen at our in-person meetings are able to join us from their phones or computers. Continue to reach out; put together a calling tree. Find out if any of your members are in need. There are funds available to assist when necessary.

As you read this, we will be having or have just had our semi-annual conclave, a little late perhaps, but still accomplished. The only business I currently am aware of is a piece of legislation to help protect our officers and directors and a couple of reports. We are mulling over our annual sessions on October 9th and 10th in Westboro, MA. We have until early July to make a decision. In any case, put it on your calendar and I do hope to see you then.

On July 4th, we celebrate our independence as a country. The celebrations this year are substantially muted, but we are thus afforded additional time to reflect on the ordinary men and women who sacrificed their time, fortunes, and in many cases, their lives for an ideal - that of a country governed by its own people. We are blessed to be at the genesis of that revolution, and know that a number of the leaders were indeed Knights Templar. Take a little time and reflect on their self service and sacrifice.

Sir Knights, I wish you a happy Fourth and ask you to remain vigilant, stay safe. Say a prayer for your fellow Sir Knights, their families and loved ones that we all come through this pandemic.

And, until we see each other again, I remain

In His service,

George

Grand Prelate's Corner

Sir Knights,

I offer this prayer for us during this difficult time:

Eternal God,

in times of triumph as well as tragedy, you still are God.

You love us and are always with us.

In this period of social distancing, remind us that we are not alone.

Make us aware of your presence with us.

Be with those who are caring for the sick.

Inspire us to the Christian Knights you have called us to be.

Help us spread your light in a world that so desperately needs it.

In the Name of our Savior, Christ Jesus we pray.

Amen

In His service,

Matt Wissell

A Little bit about your editor

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