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Hit the Ground Running

Greetings, Sir Knights!

It is official; we successfully held the Idaho Grand York Rite Sessions on April 18, 2020 via Zoom videoconference. There were a few hiccups, but overall, it worked out well under the circumstances. I think I speak for everyone in stating that while it worked out okay, I hope we do not have to resort to doing our Annual Conclave that way again. We are a fraternity and simply too much is lost by not being able to meet with our fellows in person. I must remind myself that this is but a temporary diversion along the path, or in other words, this too shall pass. Nevertheless, I know we all missed meeting with our brothers.

Now that it is official, I am pleased to welcome the Grand Commandery officers for 2020-2021:

Grand Commander	Jeremy C. Vaughn
Dep. Grand Commander	George J. White, Jr.
Grand Generalissimo	Gary A.S. LaBruyere
Grand Captain General	Bruce A. Wethered
Grand Senior Warden	Barry E. Newell
Grand Junior Warden	Michael J. Keeton
Grand Treasurer	G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGC
Grand Recorder	Norman C. Lane
Grand Standard Bearer	Robert A. Farrow
Grand Sword Bearer	Michael E. Keas
Grand Warder	Steven L. Hall
Grand Sentinel	Richard L. Rowe, PGC

At the Zoom Conclave, we transacted most of the other business of the Grand Commandery including reports and adopting a budget. We did defer all resolutions to 2021, so all voting delegates can have the opportunity to participate in their consideration. Regarding the budget, we did approve a slight increase in per capita to \$45.00 per year. Most of the increase will be used to aid in some membership activities across the state. I plan to talk more about that in coming issues. All award presentations were also deferred for a more appropriate occasion when it can be done publicly and in person.

A hearty thank you and congratulations are due to Sir Knight Jerry D. Parsons, our Junior Past Grand Commander. You did a fine job representing our fraternity to the greater Masonic family and the world. It was a pleasure serving with both you and Richard L. Rowe, our Junior Past Grand High Priest, this past year. Kudos on a job well done!

I also want to thank the Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Idaho and Grand Master Steven L. Hall for hosting and moderating our Zoom Conclave and the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and GGM David A. Grindle (PGC – Idaho) for helping us select, test, coordinate, and implement an electronic balloting procedure to maintain the integrity of our elections. This Conclave truly was an exercise in Brotherly Love and fraternal cooperation. Kudos, Sir Knights, Companions, and Brothers.

In coming columns, I'll write about our goals and plans for the Sir Knights of Idaho. In the meantime, I hope each one of you is reaching out to your friends and brothers, taking care of each other, and if needed, asking for the assistance you need. With the help of all of us, we'll get through these challenging times together! I can't wait to get back to "normal" and to get back to sitting in the Asylum with you.

May God Bless You All!

Jeremy C. Vaughn, KTCH, KCT, OWS