



Indiana Supplement

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you are thinking about them and would like to see them at an upcoming meeting. Leadership needs to plan activities and reasons for members to attend.

Give your members a reason to come back.

Michael Robbins, KCT
Grand Commander

'I'll go next month'

Sir Knights, what a great opportunity we have had during the past few months. Whether learning new ritual or making future plans, this has not been a time to sit around and wish "what might have been."

Constantly looking in the rearview mirror does us absolutely no good. So what plans and activities do you have on the drawing board when we are finally able to get out and attend meetings again? Waiting until that time to make plans means that you have basically wasted your year in a leadership position in your Commandery. Everyone needs something to look forward to. I hope you are providing that to your membership.

Many of you have been Masons longer than I. But one thing I've learned during my 33 years as a Mason is this: missing one or two meetings makes it more difficult to attend the next. Why? I have no idea but it is certainly true. For whatever the reason, missing one time makes it easier to say "I'll go next month". I am certainly guilty of this myself. This year as Grand Commander has caused me to miss several of my Blue Lodge meetings. When the stars finally lined up and I was able to attend a Stated Meeting I thought of all kinds of excuses. "I've got a night off, do I really want to go? Haven't taken the wife out for a while, let's go to dinner. Haven't been to the grandkids ball games in a couple of weeks." And it goes on and on. When I finally decided to suck it up, it turned out to be the best move I had made in a while. It was like going home again. It just felt right.

My point is this. I think we all know that missing meetings begets missing meetings. It feeds on itself. During the past few months, we have all been under a forced seclusion. It's not been anyone's fault, but that's the way it's been. The coronavirus has given everyone an excuse to miss meetings. Will this have any effect on future attendance at meetings? Will this social distancing be a reason for those on the fence to continue to miss meetings? Again, I have no idea. No one does. No one has ever been through this before to see if it has any effect on the Masonic fraternity.

As leaders I think we need to keep this in mind when things get back to some normalcy. Your membership committees actually need to be membership committees. Emails and phone calls need to be made to let the members know that

Grand Conclave Hourly Schedule

Courtyard by Marriott at Horizon Convention Center
601 S. High St., Muncie, Ind.

Friday, June 19, 2020

5:00 – 6:00 PM Divine Service – Delaware Hall 2

7:00 – 9:00 PM Grand Commandery Banquet – Interurban Hall

Saturday, June 20, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast – Room "A" Ground Floor

6:00 – 7:30 AM Past Commanders Association – Hackley Reserve 1

7:30 – 10:30 AM Registration – Lobby Hall near Delaware Hall 2

7:45 – 8:30 AM Distinguished Guest – Lobby Hall near Delaware Hall 2

8:30 – 12:30 AM Grand Commandery Conclave – Delaware Hall 2

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch – Interurban Hall

1:30 – 3:00 PM Grand Commandery Drill Competition – Delaware Hall 2 Back

1:30 – 5:00 PM Grand Commandery Ritual Competition – Cardinal Creek 1-2

3:00 – 4:00 PM Grand Commandery Installation – Delaware Hall 2

7:00 – 9:00 PM Joint Banquet – Interurban Hall

Summer Meeting July 11

By ED FODREA

Deputy Grand Commander

During this time of quiet and introspection, I have been praying everyone is safe and well. The Grand officers and I are looking forward to seeing everyone again. The Commanderies have received an invitation to the summer meeting, and I would like to share an abbreviated form with you all now, as our days will get crowded from here. The meeting will be July 11th at **The Mounds State Park, located at 4306 Mounds Road Anderson, Indiana 46017**. The park opens at 9:00 AM, with the Summer meeting beginning at 9:30 AM in the pavilion. There is a Ladies program. Lunch will be at noon. Meat and drinks are provided, please bring a covered dish to share. Please RSVP to Christine by text at 260-437-9976 or by email at n.ntngl@gmail.com by July 1. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can come.