

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

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Not much has been happening that is visible to our Sir Knights since the beginning of the “lockdown” of our society and our economy in mid-March. Unfortunately we have a back log of candidates for the Order of the Temple throughout Maryland and we have officers to install in all our Commanderies. These will be two of our top priorities when we are able to get back to work.

In spite of the road blocks we are encountering due to Covid-19 the Grand Commandery of Maryland has been busy with several important initiatives.

We are gathering information, reports, etc. for our semi-annual meeting. Originally scheduled for May 9th, we are in the process of planning our semi-annual for this summer. We are working on setting a possible date with Grand Master Naegele and of course the viability of that date will depend on guidelines that will come from our governments and most importantly what is in the best interest of the health of our Sir Knights.

I am sure many of you are aware of the initiative brought forth by our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander John Austin. In early April Sir Knight Austin created a project whereby the officers and volunteers from each Commandery were to contact every Sir Knight in their Commandery to find out if there were individual Sir Knights that required assistance in these difficult times.

In last month’s supplement I spoke to “Relief” being a basic tenant of our Fraternity. John’s program addressed this tenant head on. Many calls, e-mails, and other communications took place in April. We have had cases where we were able to offer assistance to Sir Knights. Some Sir Knights who didn’t require assistance did appreciate the contact. We thank Sir Knight Austin for his dedication to this timely and important program.

Our Eminent Recorder Kris Brown has just finished an audit of our membership. In following up on our Deputy’s relief program we became painfully aware that we didn’t have the e-mails and phone numbers for many Sir Knights making it difficult to contact them. Kris managed to source much of this information and fill in the info into the Grand Encampment MMS system for our Maryland Commanderies.

So that programs such as VEDGC Austin’s can be successful in the future, I urge all Sir Knights to share your e-mail addresses and phone numbers with your Commandery’s Recorders. In next year’s dues billing that info will be requested. Please respond positively to that request.

I urge all Sir Knights to continue to pray for an end to the Corona Virus outbreak. God hears our prayers and we must trust that God will look out for us. Be careful, stay safe and remain faithful. I look forward to resuming our work hopefully sooner than later.

Finally, I must sadly report the recent passing of the mother of our Grand Master, Jeffrey Nelson. Your prayers for her soul are greatly appreciated.

Yours in service to Christ,

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