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 "Serve passionately until relieved"



As we recover from the months of "isolation", "self quarantine", and other "man made rules",. We must all stop and look back on what we have learned, force ourselves to learn from the experience which is now history. In our lives we have and will face many events and will be "survivors", yet often without learning how not to repeat them. I encourage you to not let this happen from the events of the past few months. As we rejoin our companions we need to recover the closeness of our brotherhood, not just in heart but in contact. We are a group founded on the faith of God's word, where as our Grand Prelate reminds us, God told of the testing we will face when we live in his word. So moving forward we must remember some valuable lessons. To me the some that stand-out are not so easy to recognize but are easy to remember:

1. *Its not the meeting together that binds us, it's the willingness to live by his word and hold a place in our heart for those who do the same.*
2. *It's not the handshake we grasp each other with, it's the reaching out by word that is our strongest bond.*
3. *We don't have to see each other face to face to remember the importance we have in each others lives, we can share that with a phone call, a message or letter.*
4. *Most importantly, when we can again meet as we love to, break bread, share his word and live the oath we share to "feed the hungry, Cloth the naked.....", . We must remember and be thankful that he taught us important lessons, like those above and those in his word.*

As my prayers and meditation brought me to the few thoughts above one thing stood out above all, the words of 2nd Timothy 1:17 **"However, the Lord stood by me and gave me strength so that I could finish spreading the Good News for all the nations to hear"**. My Brothers stay the course and live for the savior who loves us more then we love ourselves.

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Upcoming Activities

Check your local calendars to make sure there are no restrictions in place and of course you are encouraged to ensure we are not violating any edicts of orders from our Grand Lodge, Grand Commander or Grand Encampment.

If they don't know they can't go!

With so many cancellations and changes over the past months, Have you posted your event it on the Grand Commandery web site, sent a post card, put out a letter or made a phone call? These seemingly little things make sure the Knights know what is happening. No matter how well planned an event is, if the Knights don't know they won't be there. Good planning includes good communication Our Grand Commandery Web page and calendar are two super ways to make things known to all Sir Knights rapidly. Time are ever changing and we need to stay on top of the best ways to get the word out.

2020 Grand Session Information

August 19-22 2020 Michigan Joint Grand York Rite Session
 Held at the Double Tree by Hilton, Hotel Grand Rapids Airport
 4747 28th St. Grand Rapids Michigan 49512

Its not too early to reserve your room for this awesome event

The Prelates Quill

The holy scriptures, words of life, that teach us the way, hold us to our lord through the truth he shed, so many years ago are so very true today. In the book of James the lord tell us to **"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."** As the warriors of Christ have undergone yet another test of faith, I wonder how many will reach back into his word and thank him for the instructions that have allowed us to survive these days of testing. Many of us lost loved ones, friends and dear companions over the past months, to so many things. Yet here we are standing on the faith given by the risen Christ. My fellows, For the strength of our lord I charge you then to reflect on his word, Jeremiah 29: 11 **"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"**

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 Grand Prelate

