

OREGON SUPPLEMENT

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As you read this. It is apparent that the Grand session of York Rite was not held in Oregon on our constitutional dates. The Grand Commandery Conclave has not yet been held, and no elections or business has been completed.

It has been our Custom that the Deputy Grand Commander would begin writing the inserts two months prior to Conclave, in the assumption that the election would confirm his position as Grand Commander and the publication of the insert would be correct and apparently seamless. Well that didn't happen.

The isolation of the world society from communion with each other has reduced the rate of infection. It has generally worked to provide medical care to those in need, at least better than the potential we faced.

I am sure that we may have suffered losses due the virus and certainly we will have lost Knights from other causes.

We mourn their loss, but are assured by our faith in Christ that we will join with them at some time that we do not yet know.

We have celebrated the gift of redemption at Easter, with the sacrifice of our Savior for our sins.

With faith we shall be united with Him and those now gone.

I ask that when we return to our conclave that each prelate offer a prayer for those departed, and give thanks for the time we shared with them. Then we should rejoice for them and us, that God's great gift of salvation and eternal life has been given to them and to us.

I ask that each Captain General, establish a communication with every member of your Commandery and invite them to attend your first communion of Knights when you again form for your first stated meeting. Arrange transportation if needed.

Each knight should take a moment to look around the asylum, take note of who is there, and who is not. Have you missed an opportunity to share with them the blessings of our Order and our faith?

The Warder, Sword bearer, and Standard Bearer should arrive first to greet and welcome each member Knight and each visiting Knight to this special gathering.

Be careful when assembling; keep a sword distant apart if you can. If a fever is present, stay home. Wash your hands before you come, and when you get home. This virus will be with us for a long time, so rather than shake hands as we are accustomed as Masons when first we meet, Salute as is our requirement as Knights.

It is my hope that we shall assemble for Grand Conclave soon, possibly in August. Look for the dates on our The DeMolay Commandery #5 Face book page.

May the Blessing of Heaven be upon you and all you love. May we meet together at your conclave soon!

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