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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – MARCH 2020 Sir Knight George Leonard Herbolsheimer, IV



My Fraters,

March! The harbinger of spring. The time when, at least here in New England, the harshness of the winter slowly gives way to sunshine and warmth. As we behold the new shoots, we know that, like our lives, the difficulties and strains of our own winters can make way for the more pleasant times. It is the time when we realize in our faith that if God can create a verdant landscape out of snow and ice, he can give us something in which we can believe. It should reassure our faith in immortality. Would Our Father bring life back to the plants of the world and not for

us? I think not. And, yes, it is the time to prepare for the greatest gift that Our Father could give to his children, the crucifixion and resurrection of his Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, which holds the promise of Eternal Life!

Although the time is short, I want to extend to each of you my personal invitation to join us for the Easter Sunrise Service to be held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. It's not really a long drive or is a short flight or a nice train ride. The Hilton in Crystal City is convenient to all three. We should be heading up the entourage this year. If you come for the weekend, many museums are open on Saturday and the Memorial will be open on Easter Sunday. Given that Easter is so early this year, it could be that the cherry blossoms will welcome us.

March will also herald the return of the Inspection season. My best wishes to all who will perform for the inspections. I remember my apprehension as I studied for my parts. I will admit that the more times I participated in an inspection, the better I did. Study and practice and you will do wonderfully.

We have either come close or already have filled up the trip to Scotland for this fall. If you are interested in joining us, contact me or the York Rite Office and we can fill you in on the details.

Lady Lyn and I wish each and every one of you a Blessed Easter.

In His service always, George

INSPECTIONS 2020

Metropolitan Division Remaining Inspection

Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34 58 Monument Square, Concord, MA April 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Western Division Joint Inspection

One Ionic Avenue, Worcester, MA March 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM Commandery Nos. 5, 6, 19, 22, and 30

North Division Joint Inspection

111 Merrimack St., Haverhill, MA March 28, 2020 at 3:30 PM Commandery Nos. 3, 9, 10, 14, 18, and 20

South Division Joint Inspection

76 Day St., Norwood, MA April 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM Commandery Nos. 4, 16, 21, 28, and 54

Southwest Division Joint Inspection

20 Elm St., Westerly, RI March 21, 2020 at 2:00 PM Commandery Nos. 1, 8, 13, and 27