

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

The topic for this supplement is Grand Commander Visitations.

I will begin in earnest to do get most of my visitations completed by the *Semi Annual meeting on Saturday May 9th, 2020, at 10 am.*

Unfortunately due to many scheduling conflicts a couple may happen in September. I have listed below the ones that have been scheduled and will up-date the list for all the Commanderies on the web site as I confirm dates.

I would just like to speak to my perspective on what a Grand Commander visitation should be all about.

Let me assure all Commandery Officers and Sir Knights that I don't view visitations as inspections or invasions from the Grand body. However I have let the Commanders know that there are topics that I want to discuss with them at these visitations.

I intend to use these visitations as an opportunity to get to know the officers and Sir Knights of the Maryland Commanderies and to find out as much about each Commandery as I possibly can.

I do expect that each Commandery will be prepared to formally receive the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery officers in attendance in the prescribed formal manner. When done properly this is a short ceremony which shows respect for the Grand Commandery as the governing body of Knights Templar of Maryland and sets the stage for a friendly meeting.

The topics that we will discuss at every visitation are as follows:

- Conclave Certifications
- Conferral of Orders reporting
- Non-Payment of Dues program
- Inspections for 2020 and 2021
- KTEF Lifetime membership
- Community Charities
- Civic and Patriotic Events
- Monthly Communications
- Knights Training
- Open Forum to discuss anything on your mind relating to the Grand Commandery

This is an opportunity for every Sir Knight to find out firsthand what the Grand Commandery objectives are for my term as Grand Commander as well as what each individual Commandery is doing to assist in meeting those objectives.

I would appreciate your attendance at your Commandery's visitation as I know your own Commander would.

Scheduled Visitations for March and April:

Beauseant #8	March 6 th
Palestine #7	March 23 rd
Jacques DeMolay #4	April 1 st
Montgomery #13	April 8 th
York #16	April 17 th .

See you there!!

Yours in service to Christ,

Chuck Warns

Right Eminent Grand Commander