

West Virginia Supplement

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Vincent E. Perry, Right Eminent Grand Commander



From the Office of your Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Sir Knight Vincent E. Perry:

Allow me to thank each of the Commanderies that I have visited this year. In most Commanderies I can see where there has been practice and the ritual is improving a great deal. There are a few that are not dressing in uniforms as they should. This needs to change. Please assist me in this matter.

I have seen more work on getting new members for our order. There are approximately 900 Royal Arch members in our great state that are not Knights Templar. Just think how great it would be if we had all in our temple. We as a body can accomplish this if we half try. It is beyond dispute that the Knights Templar has some of the most beautiful work, props, and lessons in all of our bodies.

Looking forward, it gives me great pleasure to announce that our Most Eminent Grandmaster of the grand encampment Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson will be attending our Grand Conclave. Sir Knights, this is the first in West Virginia history. How wonderful. Also, our Department Commander Sir Knight Reinhold will be with us also. Plus several other grand commanders from other states will be in attendance.

What an honor for our beloved state of West (by the Grace of God) Virginia. Mountaineers are blessed.

Upcoming events are Easter service on Sunday April 12th 2020 in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va. Information for hotel and activities are on our web page and in our Commanderies.

Sir Knights, it is time for your recorder to submit award nominations to our grand recorder. This will give time for them to be distributed to the respective committees.

Applications for our education grants need to be submitted within this coming month. Get your forms from your recorder or from the grand commandery web page.

At our grand officers meeting on Jan. 25 in Clarksburg we discussed our upcoming Grand Commandery conclave in May. We also talked about the different ways of making the Knight Templar more visible to the public, such as visiting assisted living centers and assisting in our various church groups. We should always be dressed in business attire when visiting members that are in hospitals, calling and checking on widows and widowers, before meetings, or asking how we may assist them. We should lend a supporting hand or tender ear to hear their thoughts. Always remember to be gracious. Checking on our veterans' hospitals and rehab facilities to assist in whatever we can is also a great idea.

In Corinthians 9th chapter starting with the 6th verse, "...but this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Every man accordingly as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Again, special thanks to all of our Commanderies for their hard work and blessings to all our sir knights and all bodies in Masonic orders wherever dispersed.

Submitted from your Right Eminent Grand Commander of the state of West Virginia,

Sir Knight Vincent E. Perry

Inspection and Grand Officer meeting dates:

May 14-16, 2020 Grand Commandery

To be held in Huntington

May 16, 2020

Grand Officers Meeting

H. Lee Hadley, VEDGC Presiding