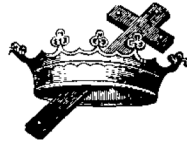


ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT



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FROM THE GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights, I hope this finds you well. This Coronavirus is so scary because of the unknowns associated with it. Please follow the guidelines the health professionals are asking us to do and pray for a better tomorrow.

As you are aware it is almost time for our dues to be paid and I would like for you to consider our great charity, the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, as well. Specifically a Life Sponsorship, if you are not currently one. A life sponsorship is a great way to support the Eye Foundation and it relieves you Commandery of a \$1.00 assessment every year. I see that as win-win so I hope you will consider adding a onetime contribution of \$30.00 to your dues check along with a note to the Recorder as to what it is for.

I hope that supporting the Eye Foundation becomes one of you goals as a Knight Templar. Might I suggest that your next step would be to join the Grand Commander's club by sending your check of \$100.00 to S.K. Ferguson (or your Recorder). The great thing here is that after you do this 10 times you will be a member of the Grand Master's Club! Wouldn't you love to have one of those KTEF Crusader's Crosses to proudly wear on your uniform to tell everyone how much you believe in the Eye Foundation?

I want the world to know that I am a Christian Knight. Don't you? Let's all "Walk the Walk" because we are known by our actions and not by what we say. Remember, others will judge the Knighthood by how you and I live our daily lives.

Be safe my Brothers and I hope to see you soon!

In His service,
William J. Burfitt, KCT, KTCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander

GRAND PRELATE'S APARTMENT

The parable spoken by Jesus in Matthew 21 about the father and his two sons has always been interesting to me. If you remember, the father asked one son to work in the vineyard. We aren't told what the task was, but it probably involved a lot of manual labor, the kind usually assigned to servants or hired hands. The son initially refused, but later did the job. The second son agreed to do the work, but never did. Jesus then asked his audience, "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" Well, this was not a particularly difficult question to answer, and they replied, correctly, "The first."

GRAND PRELATE'S APARTMENT (CONT.)

I wonder if the second son broke his promise on purpose or was it just a case of putting something off? Maybe he meant to go but other distractions delayed him, and he never got around to it. I think we all, as Christians, really and truly want to be like the son who did obey his father, but we also tend to procrastinate. Haven't we, Sir Knights, intended to be fruitful and helpful, to labor for the Kingdom of God, to spend more time in prayer and worship... but sadly we keep putting it off? Haven't we all dawdled and missed opportunities to show forth Christian love and kindness? I know I have. This parable is a striking reminder to us to follow through on our good intentions with our faithful service to our Lord and Savior in whatever "vineyards" of the world he may require us to labor. And rest assured, my Brethren in Christ, He will endow us with the strength, energy and perseverance to accomplish any tasks we undertake for His sake.

And our reward shall be, when our labors are over, to receive from His lips those wonderful words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25: 34, 40)

In His Name,
George Marshall, Jr., PGC, KCT, KGT
Grand Prelate

A BALL FOR US ALL

As I write this article we are one month removed from Grand York Rite. Since then, we have seen some unprecedented change in our country and state. One of those changes is the suspension of all Masonic activities. Some of us have gone a full month without attending a meeting of any kind. Many of us have been sheltering in place this whole time. We all need to get out.

By the time this article reaches you it will be May. Hopefully the heat that Alabama is known for will have eliminated the Covid-19 virus and it will be time to celebrate. I can think of no better way to celebrate than at the 4th Annual Knights Templar Charity Ball with my lady and I'd like to invite all of you to do the same.

This year's ball will once again be held at the Alcazar Shrine in Montgomery AL from 7pm to 11pm with a social hour from 6pm to 7pm on Saturday 7/18. Your price of admission will include a prime rib dinner with all the fixings, a DJ and dancing, a silent auction, and a professional photographer.

The price of admission is \$65 per person, \$100 per couple, and \$425 for a table of 8.

We've been socially distant for too long. It's time to eat, drink, and be merry. Its time to socialize.

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We hope see ya'll all at the ball.