



Marvin S. Blaine, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families in good health. Following the Grand Master's lead in not having Masonic meetings in April, the Grand officers of the York Rite did the same thing. Hopefully with May being here the worst is over and we can go back to having our meetings. I know that I have missed seeing my Brothers and Sir Knights, getting to shake their hands; Hearing the stories, jokes and the picking on me about my hair, chicken and the cigarettes.

With Easter, a lot of plans got canceled because of the virus, but not the faith that we have in God and Jesus. At the writing of this letter Past Grand Commander Randall Partin had come to me to get approval to put together an online Grand Commandery Easter service for everyone. Past Grand Commander Larry Carte was going to do the speaking, and it would be done at a local church where Sir Knight Vernon Jones is the preacher. I hope that this got done and if it did, that everyone enjoyed it. I thank these Sir Knights for doing this and showing us that faith in God and Jesus doesn't get canceled.

During this hard time, we must as Masons and Sir Knights help each other and the ones who are not in Freemasonry. Because in the months and years to come people will remember us for helping them during this time. It was in the late 1800's or early 1900's that the Masons and what they call the Good Templars came together to help a small town in western Kentucky, not unlike today. I ask all Masons and Sir Knights of Kentucky to help, without putting yourself or your family and the other person at risk. As the Masons and Good Templars of the past did. This Heritage can be remembered in the future as the past is remembered today, of what the Masons and Sir Knights did then.

In closing I ask that we keep each other in our prayers in the days to come. May God guard, guide and protect you and your families during these times and Jesus always in your heart.

Courteously,

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Grand Commander



*"To say that which is untrue is a crime both in the sight of God and man. Not one of us has betrayed his God or his country. I do confess my guilt, which consists in having, to my shame and dishonor, suffered myself, through the pain of torture and the fear of death, to give utterance to falsehoods imputing scandalous sins and iniquities to an illustrious Order, which hath nobly served the cause of Christianity. I disdain to seek a wretched and disgraceful existence by engrafting another lie upon the original falsehood."*

***The dying words of Jacques de Molay, last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, asserting the innocence of the Order and 'yielding up his life rather than forfeit his integrity', according to 19th century historian, Charles Addison***

### 2020 Easter Pilgrimage

*If you sent payment for the Easter Pilgrimage and not received a refund, contact the Grand Recorders office in Danville. The last information we have is that all payments were to be refunded.*

### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

**Inspection deadlines** for all York Rite Bodies in Kentucky have been, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, extended to June 30.

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation** 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Campaign ends on May 15, 2020. Last year, Kentucky gave \$30,200, which placed us 14<sup>th</sup> total giving and 25<sup>th</sup> per capita.

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