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“If you so choose, even the unexpected setbacks can bring new and positive possibilities. If you so choose, you can find value and fulfillment in every circumstance.”

- Ralph Marston

Greetings Sir Knights,

At the time of this writing, we are all stuck at home under a “Stay at Home” order. For some it is restrictive, for others, it’s more a long string of snow days away from school. But I see something surprising. People all over are expending great effort to figure out ways to commune with each other. After a while, we realize how much we need the interaction with other people. We see men developing ways to have “virtual Lodge meetings” and setting up weekly teleconference calls and phone tree messaging all just to feel that personal touch. If we have learned anything at all from all this, I hope we can better see how we are all connected and can’t be fulfilled until we go outside ourselves and somehow reach another person.

Anais Nin once wrote “Each contact with a human being is so rare, so precious, one should preserve it.”

Hopefully, by the time this article comes to reach you, we will have announced a new date for our Annual Conclave. I hope so. I am eager to see you in person again. We will update you on developments and it is my fervent desire that your Spring is fertile with opportunities to greet each other again with a heartfelt smile and a hearty handshake.

As yet, there are no District meetings set due to the restrictions we all endure. But keep in touch on the web page and Facebook page for more developing news from your Grand Commandery.

Our Deputy Grand Commander, V.E. Ludwik Wodka will be assuming some of the planning and assisting in much of the administrative duties as we navigate these new waters. Ludwik and Allen Surratt, you are godsend.

Thank you ALL for being so supportive and patient. You are true Knights Templar, and I am proud to be in your company.

With all Fraternal fondness and respect,  
-Michael Daniels Grand Commander

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER:**

Sir Knights, I apologize for any confusion that resulted from last month's supplement. Please understand that these messages need to be submitted 30 days in advance. At the time, we did not anticipate the events that would precipitate from the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the 2020 Grand York Rite Conclave has been postponed, so Sir Knight Michael Daniels remains your Grand Commander. All events in the Washington, DC area on Easter weekend have been canceled. We will keep you informed of any forthcoming developments. Thank you for your understanding.

Fraternally,  
Ludwik Wodka  
Deputy Grand Commander.

**YORK RITE HONORS DAY**

Provided we are released from our social distancing restrictions, this year’s York Rite Honors Day will include the conferral of the honorary “chair degrees” for the Chapter, Council, and Commandery as well as the KYCH on Saturday, May 2nd. It will be held at the Goldsboro Masonic Temple, located at 2301 Norwood Avenue in Goldsboro, NC 27534. Watch for details, soon to come.