## **OREGON SUPPLEMENT**

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When I originally submitted this article, the Covid-10 virus was yet to unfold. By now the silent enemy has spread it's wings over the globe.

The 2020 Oregon Grand York rite session was postponed, and elections, and installations were not held, the Grand Master held off all Masonic meetings through April, and the June Grand Lodge session was scheduled to be streamlined.

Life has truly changed. One thing is still without change, and that is the love of our Lord. "God so loved the world..." you know the rest. He meant it then and he means it now. As Knights of the Christian faith, we know that our savior is with us when things are great and especially when things are bad.

Do not even consider that this pandemic is an act of God, or a device to get our attention. God is with us, at our side, holding our hand, and whispering the promise made by Jesus, that the path to heaven is through Him.

On Golgotha, nailed to a tree, our savior reaffirmed the gift of salvation, to the sinner also crucified with Him. The gift of eternal life and heaven is ours, not a promise, but a contract, that whom so ever that believe in HIM, shall have life in heaven eternal.

Salvation comes through faith, but we must not forget the two great commandments, "love our God with all our heart and minds". And the second is nearly as great, "to love our neighbors, our fellow man, as we would love ourselves"

During this time of strife, and hopefully by the time of this printing and publishing, stability will have come to our health and economic future.

We, as Christian Knights, need to be exemplary in our actions toward not only our fellow Knights, but to all of our fellowmen, for we have been charged to "cloth the naked, feed the hungry, and protect the maidens, widows, and orphans". We should wield our sword for their protection.

Many of us are of an age that it is difficult to bear arms' to protect our fellow man, but if there is a need that we can fulfill, we should come to their aid, so far as their needs require and our circumstances permit.

Carefully review what is happening in your community. Can you help? Is there a void unfulfilled? Can you show compassion and provide assistance where it is required? Not only as Knights, but as a Mason we are required to help those that truly need a hand.

Our Grand Conclave has not been scheduled at the time I write this. It is my goal to have our Face Book page up and running to provide a commentary place for input and quick response. For now, you may refer to a page I write:

 $\underline{https://www.facebook.com/DeMolayCommandery/}$ 

There you may post information about your Commandery, or see what others are doing or needs that your may have or a method to supply theirs. It will also provide a little camaraderie during this time of healing and repair.

Yours in faith and friendship, S.K. Grant Sharp

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