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Greetings Sir Knights,

As I write my final supplement for the May issue of Knight Templar Magazine, it is still March. The past few weeks have been tumultuous around the world, our Nation, the Commonwealth and in our communities, all due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I do not know what the situation will be by the time you read this, but I do know that our Lord still reigns over all, and that we should always place our trust in Him.

By this time I hope that you are all aware that the situation mentioned above has caused us to meet in a very different manner for our 167th Annual Conclave. Rather than in person, we will conduct our business via webcast teleconference at 10am on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Details about how to join are being sent directly to many of you, including the Dias Officers and Recorders of each Commandery. If you desire to join us and have not received your own invitation, reach out to your Recorder. Please understand that, unfortunately, available bandwidth may force a limit on participation. This is new territory for us and we are all trying hard to adapt to the situation.

I also hope that you have seen my General Order creating a new Service Bar for our uniform. The First Responder Bar, recognizes those who serve, or have served their local community, by responding to emergencies that threaten lives and property. The new bar, pictured here,  can be purchased from the Grand Recorder's Office and may be worn by any Pennsylvania Knight Templar who has served in this vital capacity. I believe it fitting that they be honored with this bar, similar to the ones worn by those who have served our Country and our Fraternity.

It has been a very great honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Commander for the past year. I am sorry that circumstances did not allow me to meet with each Commandery, and forced me to cancel plans that had been made with several. I was very pleased to have been able to spend some time with so many of you at various events across the

Commonwealth. Lady Michelle and I thank you for your kindness and generosity to us, and for all the courtesies that you bestowed upon us. I know that my successor is eager to serve you and he is highly capable of leading you onward. I pray God's blessings on him, and on each of you. May His grace and peace be with you all.

Yours in His Service,

Richard

SK Richard F. Muth

Grand Commander

Mark your Calendars for these Planned Events in 2020:

May 16 – 167th Annual Conclave, via webcast teleconference

June 25 – Testimonial for Sean Tomasic, REGC, Greentree, PA

August 15 – Once Day Conferral of Orders, York, PA

Sept. 20 – Memorial Service, Gettysburg, PA

Nov. 13-14 – Line Officers Seminar, Elizabethtown, PA

A Letter from the Grand Prelate:

Please read Ephesians 6:10-19

Dear Sir Knights of the Pennsylvania Grand Commandery:

Our Commandery year has quickly come to a close and within a few short weeks we will be welcoming a new Grand Commander and Grand Line Officers. I wish to thank REGC Richard F. Muth for the privilege of serving as Grand Prelate this past year.

Many of us are fortunate to discover in our journey in Freemasonry, that we are all one family. I find that to be especially true in Templary. Each of us becomes a frater, a brother, as it was said in Latin. We are admonished in our degrees and Orders to remember the tight bond we are forging with others within our various fraternities in Freemasonry. In times of sickness, adversity, or the loss of loved ones, our family closes ranks in support of one another. I have been blessed by that closeness.

I hope you have experienced it as well for here we are also brothers in Christ. As family we also know that from time to time there will be friction and misunderstandings. I urge you to be gentle with one another. As we are admonished in Scripture, let us bear one another's burdens and seek to reconcile with one another for our Savior's sake.

Courteously,

SK & Rev. David A. Eichelberger PDC, KCT, IKT

Grand Prelate