



Greetings Sir Knights!

It is the fourth week of March as I sit down to write the May supplement and we are in the throes of the Coronavirus-COVID-19 pandemic. All the meetings I so look forward to attending have been cancelled or postponed and we are practicing self isolation. I miss the friendly handshake, heartfelt greeting, and the familiar ritual practiced in our Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. I have been in contact electronically with many of our members, but that human contact, so necessary in our fraternity has been sorely missed. The face to face contact, grip of another Brother, tone of a Brothers voice and visible physical appearances are needed more now than ever. However to be safe, we have taken the necessary isolation precautions to guard ourselves from this terrible virus. As much as I enjoy our meetings, I would rather be safe during this time of isolation and be able to continue with our fellowship in future months and years. This pandemic will pass and we will resume the customary activities of our fraternity.

The Annual Conclave scheduled in June is still a work in progress as I write this supplement. The Officers of the Grand Commandery are remaining fluid during this everchanging timeline. Please keep in touch with your constituent Recorders who can update you as to the exact dates and times of the Annual Conclave. Let's hope our preventative measures make the spread of this deadly virus subside quickly so we can meet as scheduled sooner rather than later.

To all my Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights, stay healthy, wash your hands frequently, keep hands away from the T zone

on your face (eyes/nose/mouth), maintain safe distances from others, and most of all keep in touch.



Sir Knight Jim Dolan as the then E.C. of St. Aldemar Commandery with Sir Knight David E. Cumming, Past Grand Commander and Sir Knight E. Lawrence Douglass, Jr. then Grand Commander



Sir Knight Eugene C. Corliss, then R.E.G.C. with the MWGM George Deblon and Grand Line Officers at our Annual Conclave



**OUCH!!!!**

Courteously, Bruce R. Howard, KCT, PGC, Editor.