



## MARYLAND SUPPLEMENT

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### **My Fellow Sir Knights,**

It's September 29<sup>th</sup> and we are heading into fall, a time when we are used to getting back to work from our summer break.

By the time this supplement reaches you, your Grand Commandery will have had its Annual Conclave (virtual) and will have met with Commanders and Recorders of your Commanderies,

We have 7 new Commanders leading Commanderies in Maryland so I believe there is a lot of enthusiasm for what we wish to accomplish in 2021.

Our focus in the meetings with those Commanders and their recorders was twofold. We discussed virtual conclaves, their potential and their shortcomings and we set the Grand Commandery priorities and initiatives for 2021.

Let me speak to the first of these topics. Virtual conclaves are a given and will be necessary in the short term until we are allowed to return to "in-person" gatherings. They may even become a part of the way we meet as a supplement to the in-person meetings.

Imagine 10, 15 or more Sir Knights participating in our conclaves. Sir Knights who haven't been able to get to a conclave for one reason or another. We know these Sir Knight exist. We know they want to be part of what's going on. You may be one of them who is reading this article right now. This is a terrific way to get back to participating in your Commandery.

We have asked our Commanders to appoint small committees of 1, 2 or 3 people to help you get connected to these meetings. Once your phone or computer is set up the process of signing into meetings is as easy as clicking on a link that you would be receiving from your recorder.

I have a special request to make to all you Sir Knights of the Commanderies of Maryland. Be willing to make the effort to get set up on your phone or computer and be positive about attending these virtual conclaves. You will be surprised how easy it is to participate in this manner.

We want and need your participation if we are to succeed in these different and difficult times. Thank you.

In the next supplement I will be speaking to the other topic of our recent organizational meetings, that is, the objectives and initiatives for 2021.

### **Yours in service to Christ,**

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***HAPPY THANKSGIVING***