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**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

Greetings Sir Knights!

I hope you and your family are doing well thru all this noise (that is the best that I think describes all of this) and our prayers are with you. There still seems to be no indication of when our restrictions from General Order No. 12 may be lifted. We will continue to post the upcoming schedule for inspections with the understanding that everything is tentative at this point.

Our sincere hope is that we all make it to the other side of this pandemic and that we can resume our Travels as soon as possible.

**UPCOMING COMMANDERY INSPECTION SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)**

COMMANDERY	LOCATION	DATE*	DAY	TIME	INSPECTING OFFICER
CHARLES MARTEL	Chickamauga	10/10/2020	SAT	10:30	James Phillips
St. Johns	Dalton	10/10/2020	SAT	14:30	Raymond Laird
Rome	Rome	10/10/2020	SAT	18:00	Tommy Marshall
Waycross	Waycross	10/24/2020	SAT	10:30	Bruce Mann
St. Elmo	Brunswick	10/24/2020	SAT	15:00	Ron Wolbert
Palestine	Savannah	10/24/2020	SAT	18:30	James Stevens
Philemon	Toccoa	10/31/2020	SAT	10:30	Tyler Pledger
Pilgrim	Gainesville	10/31/2020	SAT	14:30	C. Danny Wofford
Arnold de Troye	Buford	10/31/2020	SAT	18:00	Mark Johnson
Tancred	Newnan	11/7/2020	SAT	10:30	Jack Bell
Alexius	Lovejoy	11/7/2020	SAT	14:30	Carl Gamel
Griffin	Griffin	11/7/2020	SAT	17:00	Mike Sampsell

**\*ALL DATES ARE DEPENDENT ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

**“TIMES THAT TRY MEN’S SOULS”**

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“These are the times that try men’s souls.” These are the words spoken by the great patriot and pamphleteer of the American Revolution Thomas Paine, though over 200 years old they ring true for us in our modern world. As Christian Knights and men of the BOOK it is easy to see the scenario of end times prophecy as described in the Holy Scriptures coming to fruition in our lifetime. Every generation since Our Lord and Savior ascended to heaven, have looked to the signs for His return(Acts 1:11); but the Lord, while giving signs, made it clear that he would “come as a thief in the night”(1 Thes.5:2) and that we should always be prepared for His return.

In our modern and enlightened world we do not always see the Hand of God at work around us nor do our spiritual eyes see the signs as described in scripture. We see about us wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes and all manner of natural disaster. Many will be reviled for His name sake, persecuted and killed, betrayal, iniquity shall abound and the love of many will wax cold. (Matt. Chap. 24). Is all this a fulfillment of Matthew or just another period of dark history of the earth. With all of the earth seemingly in turmoil, both spiritually and temporally, is this the beginning of the time of sorrows that we should be delivered up?(Matt.24:8-9) What is our duty as Christians and Sir Knights?

With political correctness run amuck and the effort to see that no one is offended, it is hard to find anyone with firm and steadfast convictions now days. It takes courage to stand for the things of God in a time where the laws of man take precedent over the laws of God , and the threat of the force of law can cause, even the those willing to take a stand, to submit or lose all. Our faith can take a beating when the Churches change their doctrines to conform with the modern way of thinking (2Tim. 3&4). Masonic teaching once again provides guidance, “the Holy Bible is given as the rule and guide for our faith and practice” and “when upon bended knees in devotion to almighty God”. Scripture study and humble prayer can bring light to the darkness for all the world’s troubles (Eccl. 1:9).

Are these the last days as described in scripture? “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” (Matt. 24:36).We must live our lives as if it is and prepare ourselves accordingly (Matt.24:44). These ARE the times that try men’s souls, we should ”put on the whole armor of God” (Eph.6:10-18)wield the sword in defense of the Christian religion, “let not your be troubled”(Jn 14:1-3),”fight the good fight”(2Tim.4:7)and ”endure to the end and the same shall be saved”(Matt.24:13).