

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

In this supplement I will speak to two topics, “Virtual” conclaves and the 2020 Annual Conclave.

Hopefully by now your Commandery has set up a virtual communication platform for Conclaves. If your Commandery has not done so and you are “computer literate” please contact your Commander or Recorder and offer your services to set up a virtual platform for them.

The Grand Commandery of Maryland has been using the Zoom platform for meetings since May 2020 and has had the semi-annual conclave, Commandery officer’s installations, a group installation of Commanders, and several miscellaneous meetings, all of which have been very successful.

We must not transport ourselves to the dark ages. Services like Zoom are easy to install, easy to use, and are very inexpensive. We must get back to our Commandery work. The future of our organization depends on the flexibility of all our officers and Sir Knights to embrace the technology available to us.

The second topic is our Annual Conclave. As you know we had to cancel our York Rite Bodies Annual Conference that was originally scheduled to be held in Ocean City Maryland. All 3 bodies have made separate arrangements for their Annual meetings.

As of this writing Grand Encampment Grand Master Nelson has extended his Order #12 prohibiting “in person” conclaves and conferrals of Orders for all Sir Knights. Therefore our Annual Conclave will take place virtually by the Grand Commandery’s “zoom” platform.

The date of the Annual Conclave will be **October 24th, 2020 at 10 am**. I urge all Sir Knights to attend this Annual Conclave by phone or computer. Officers will be installed, amendments to our constitution will be voted on, and updates to the goings-on of the Grand Commandery will take place.

Your Commandery’s recorder will be given the sign-in information far enough in advance for that Recorder to distribute the information to the Sir Knights in his Commandery. Please look for this information about a week before the conclave.

The success of your Grand Commandery depends on your participation in all its endeavors. Please make every effort to attend this important conclave.

Yours in service to Christ,

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p.s. It was previously published that this conclave would take place on a different date. Please note the change to **October 24th, 2020 at 10 am**.