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“What’s in it for me”



Greetings SKs, I hope you all are doing well with this ongoing pandemic. I know for one that I miss our being able to get together. As you all know we have put off the inspections until the spring and then only if it is possible to be done at that time. In the mean time I hope you are having zoom type meetings with your commanderies. Remember my theme is “what’s in it for me”. I would like you to remember that when you went through the Order of the Temple you were given the privilege of relighting the candle and you in effect became a symbolic disciple of Jesus. Remember this when you interact with others and help them to practice their faith. Rachel and I wish the grace of God be with you all.

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*The Prelates Quill  
Reflecting on the word of God*

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” If we would keep the commandment to love one another, we must treat each other with compassion and respect, showing our love in day-to-day interactions. Love offers a kind word, a patient response, a selfless act, an understanding ear, a forgiving heart. In all our associations, these and other such acts help make evident the love in our hearts. Love is the noblest attribute of the human soul. Love is the remedy for ailing families, ill communities, and sick nations. Love is a smile, a wave, a kind comment, and a compliment. Love is sacrifice, service, and selflessness.



## Special insight on membership.

It is a pleasure to ensure that all know our **state membership chairman SK. Gary Leach, PC from Ypsilanti #54**. I encourage all members of the Grand membership committee and all constituent commanderies to contact Gary if you need any material or assistance. I also encourage all Knights to take the time and look at the following YouTube presentations which are strongly supported by Grand Encampment. These short but useful presentations can help us build relationships, bring in and Keep members. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27RQ2CvDcyQ&t=4s> part 1 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4P-4Xvz3Ms> part 2. these are valuable tools for every member in these unique times. Every Knight is encourage to seek out ways to reach out to and sign up those masons who desire the York Rite and especially the Templar bond.

## Start your plans

Commanders are reminded to look into the future and make efforts to plan (as best we can) for the events or Observances special to our craft. Look for special ways to assist lodges during installations, help out our youth groups, celebrations for holidays and of course Templar observances of Christmas, Easter and Hospitaler events. As we are dealing with plans and actions, stay in touch with your Grand Officers to ensure that we comply with current orders of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery.

### **Proper Prior Planning Provides Productive Pleasing Participation**

### **If they don’t know they can’t go!**

Have you posted your event it on the Grand Commandery web site, sent a post card, put out a letter or made a phone call? These seemingly little things make sure the Knights know what is happening. No matter how well planned an event is, if the Knights don’t know they won’t be there. Good planning includes good communication

Editors note: It is with great pleasure that I am able to extend this very heart felt note to our new Grand Officer line. For several years now I have been blessed to be a apart of this great team, and have seen the officers that now serve us grow. Not just as leaders but as men in general, the Masonic vision “making good men better”, is visible in each of these men. I wish John the best of year as our Grand Commander and I know he will be a fine leader and servant of the needs within our Jurisdiction. Each of our Officers have a dedication that is truly infectious. People like you make us all work harder, trying new things to keep this fraternity going strong and make it truly the “most sought after membership a man can petition”. You are a blessing to us all.

Butch Winslow  
“Past” Grand Commander

