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My year as Grand Commander has been an interesting experience. It started with a blizzard that covered most of the state of North Dakota and neighboring states. We had the ND Grand York rite session in Minot ND the weekend of April 12 and 13 of 2019. We had many York rite members and visiting dignitaries for other jurisdictions trying to travel to Minot in this regional blizzard. Many of these daring travelers braved many hours out their way to attend our session. There were many stories at the Saturday Banquet of the traveling adventures from the various

The year had many changes, which included appointing a new grand secretary and grand treasurer. We have been going through some growing pains, during past few years, due to passing our long time Grand Secretary, Merle Huhner. He was organized and the ND York Rite jurisdiction like a well-oiled machine. After the first of the year of 2020, Myself and many other York rite members were in the process of finalizing the Grand York Rite Session in Fargo, ND on April 24 and 25 at the Ramada Inn. I had scheduled Scott Wolter as a speaker on a masonic theme.

Then in the middle of March, the Pandemic reared its ugly head, the Corona virus hit the state and country, literally shutting down the country for about a month and half. This of course forced me to postpone the session and wait out the pandemic and plan for a new time and place for the session. After consultation with the Powers to be, it was decided to switch gears and plan to have the session using a Zoom meeting on July 11, 2020. We would have a bare bones Session, conduct the election of officers, and any other necessary business for the year. As a final note, The next ND Grand York Rite Session is in Bismarck, ND on the weekend of July 9th of 2021.

If there is anything I can learn from this experience as Grand Commander, you have to be open to change and be able to roll with the punches. My year as Grand Commander was quite a Ride, with all its ups and downs from the major changes with some of our major officers and Coronavirus Pandemic which closed the state and country, which was memorable as a whole.

George H Vettel
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Dave's Word

I want to visit and talk with as many of you as possible this year that I haven't met before or who I only have an opportunity to meet up with every few years.

One way to connect in these pandemic times is for me to ask an open-ended question and for you to respond by US mail, email, text or phone. Ideas may end up in print but not with your name being mentioned (unless you request that I mention it.)

The question is - Are Masons mystics?
Please share with me your thoughts or skip it and just say, Hello.

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