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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

Greetings Sir Knights and all of our Brethren who support our Masonic order of Christian Knighthood. Certainly you have heard the words, "Due to the current COVID-19 situation...." The Oklahoma York Rite has not been immune to these words or the adjustments that have been thrust upon us as it relates to all Commandery activities. Until the edict, which has forbidden all inperson meetings, is lifted by our Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, we must stay vigilant as Knight Masons and purposeful in our daily lives. Always remain upright and Knightly in our behaviors both in person and on our social media platforms.

As Sir Knights, we pledge to be noble and stand above reproach in all of our thoughts, words, and our actions. Although we may hold electronic meetings for the purpose of conducting business only, most of us are finding some extra time on our hands. Let us promise to use it wisely.

I encourage each Sir Knight to accomplish something for the Commandery while we are unable to gather together. Dedicate some time to learn the Order of the Temple language for the position you hold, or the next position you are making the effort to succeed to. Reach out to our Brother Masons who are interested in finding out more about our Order. Talk to them about the festivals that take place in the early spring for the Chapter and Council degrees.

Did you also know, that our Grand Commandery has a standing resolution that all Commanderies sponsor and support all DeMolay activities. That each Commandery is to appoint a Committee of not less than three (3) Knights to carry out these purposes? Are we doing this as an annual activity? Are we actively displaying the interest in the members of that Order which will foster and promote the natural transition for a young Man to move from the youth order of DeMolay to the fraternity of Freemasonry and further into the Order of the York Rite? We must show the DeMolay members that being a good Man and Mason, a Companion and Sir Knight is a way to continue their spiritual, moral and intellectual growth.

During this time of inability to meet in Commanderies we can still find ways to profoundly affect the York Rite in the future. Be a part of that all-important effort of influencing the youth of our communities; show them what RITE looks like. The York Rite! Be active in our appendant orders of the Royal Arch Masons and the York Rite Council.

Attend and support your blue lodges. While you are there, share the experience of the York Rite and talk to your blue lodge Brothers about the opportunities to seek further Light by joining our time-honored Order. This year is sure to continue to test our dedication to our Masonic morals and practices. The many branches of our Fraternal tree will continue to grow if we are deliberate and active in our daily pilgrimage. Wield your Swords, Sir Knights, in the cause of our Christian Knighthood! I.H.S.V. SK Glen A. Chaney



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