

OREGON SUPPLEMENT

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Greetings, Sir Knights!

By the time you receive this I hope all is well with you. 2020 has proved a challenging year for all of us. As I write this we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we need to maintain hope that we may endure.

In times like these, we must renew and reinvigorate our faith in our Savior and Redeemer. We should use the opportunity to thoroughly study the Gospels and learn how we should exemplify the lessons contained therein.

We should all stay safe but we should also stay busy. If you can do so safely, go for a walk, do light exercise, help out in the garden, mow the lawn, fix the car, read a book, call a friend or family you haven't talked to in a while, join a ZOOM chat with other Masons, do anything that will keep you active.

I wish to thank our Grand Commander for inviting me to speak with you at this time and I sincerely hope life has returned to some sense of normalcy by the time you receive this.

I, for one, have faith that we will endure this time of crisis as our nation has endured so many in the past. Through

wars, famine, plague, economic depressions and recessions, mass poverty and strife, political upheavals, hurricanes, storms, and all manner of disasters, the United States of America has not only endured but come out of each crisis stronger, reinvigorated, and more resilient.

These times spur on the innovators among us to come up with and invent all manner of machines and devices which will, in the long term, improve our lives and those of our children and grandchildren. It may be very exciting indeed to wonder what they will come up with next.

Let us not give our hearts to despair at the troubles of the moment but look forward to the brighter day that is just on the horizon.

I am thankful for all of you, my fellow Sir Knights, and I look forward to the day I may see you in person.

God bless America!

Courteously submitted,
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