



Greetings Sir Knights.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our organization as your Right Eminent Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of Vermont.

The current environment we find ourselves in can be a distraction or it can be an opportunity to meet with sir knights we have not seen in a while or sir knights who are separated from us by great distance.

If you were at our annual meeting in June, you might have noticed that we had sir knights from many jurisdictions represented. This is one of the ways in which we have an opportunity to allow those who might not have been able to travel to Vermont otherwise to participate with us in virtual sessions.

I have implemented a new monthly meeting with the leadership of the constituent Commanderies around the state. I hope these meetings will be informative and help us move our Grand Commandery in the right direction.

There is no other way to phrase it sir knights, our Commanderies are struggling. On the first of our calls many of the Eminent Commanders stated the biggest issue is getting members to show up for meetings. I ask you to reflect on this question, "Why did I join Commandery?" We all had a reason we joined.

Once you settle on your reason ask yourself are we fulfilling your "Why." If not reach out to the leadership of your Commandery and have a conversation with them, explain to them where you want/wish the commandery to go.

We all want your experience in Commandery to be fulfilling and your meetings to be something you look forward to each month. We need to know what will make your experience better.

On a final note, you have probably heard we are changing the inspection process this year. The purpose of this new process is to help improve the experience of all sir knights. Details will follow on how this will happen in the spring. In the meantime continue work on the orders in your commandery, reach out to other sir knights via the York Rite of Vermont Facebook page if you are looking for help in your commandery or reach out to any of the Grand Line officers.

Stay safe and healthy sir knights, I look forward to seeing you in person very soon.

Eric C. Steele, REGC

To all The Masons

Thank you for honoring Jonathan with a beautiful Masonic service and respectful Honor Guard. Jon would be pleased with all of you and I believe it was exactly what he wanted, so I am very grateful for your efforts. I have probably omitted someone from this email, so please pass my gratitude to them (I could not find Vince's email address). Jonathan loved Masonry. Thank you for being his brothers. Many people who never attended a Masonic service have expressed their awe to me. It was a loving tribute.

Thank you for your labours and your zealous watchfulness.

Sincerely, Linda (Park)