



Marvin S. Blaine, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

This will be my last letter; I would like to take this time to thank each and every one who has helped me this past year. To the past Grand Commanders, elected grand officers who are in line with me, appointed officers, Division Commanders, and we can't forget Noel, this year could not have happened without your support and guidance. I know that I didn't get to do some of the things I wanted to do, but I have had a good year thanks to you Sir Knights.

Bill Jackson Sr., or Doc which I like to call you, my prayers and wishes go forward with you, Joe, Miles and the new Captain General in the upcoming year. I have enjoyed the year in line with you my fellow Sir Knights. If any of you ever need anything, I'm just a phone call away.

Thank you R.E. Past Grand Commander Randall for putting up with me on these letters. I know he wouldn't say anything but I've been kind of last minute getting these to him. Again, thank you for your patience.

At the time of this letter being written, the Grand Sessions is still a go, but things could change with this virus. The Grand Commandery will have a virtual session this year; Sir Knight Greg Raque is setting this up for us. He has put a lot work in this, and I for one am grateful that he is in the York Rite.

Sir Knights we need to keep our great country in our prayers during these dark times. Because with God and Jesus all things are possible.

Sir Knights thank you for letting me serve as Grand Commander this past year; it has been a privilege and an honor. May God guard, guide, and protect you always and keep Jesus in heart always.

Courteously,

*Marvin S. Blaine,*

Grand Commander

## GRAND SESSION

As of our submission deadline, our York Rite leadership continues to plan to have our **Grand Sessions** in September as usual. Plans are that the Banquet and Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 20; the Grand Commandery will meet virtually on Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup>; the Council will meet on Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>; and the Chapter on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

At present, Grand Commandery plans are for a virtual session.

Book your rooms by August 16, 2020 to receive the Grand Sessions room rate. Please order your meal tickets early and pre-register so the office can better prepare for the sessions and work with the hotel in complying with restrictions due to the pandemic.

Contingency plans are being developed to hold all sessions virtually, if necessary.



❖ We have one **announced candidate** for the office of Grand Captain General, Sir Knight William Michael Yount of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery, Past Commander of Shelby No. 32 and Louisville-Demolay No. 12.

❖ **We hope to see you at a York Rite meeting this month.** Per the Grand Master's Order, we are limited to 50 or less in attendance and the wearing of masks is required. As of this date, we are still barred from performing degree work, and all face-to-face Templar activities continue to be barred.

❖ We also try to keep our membership as up-to-date as possible through the **Kentucky Keystone**, which is published around the first of the month and sent via email to our subscribers. If you aren't receiving that publication, contact the Editor at the email address below to be added to the mailing list.

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