

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

I'm writing this on July 29th, 11 days after the Special Semi-Annual Conclave which took place on July 18th.

The conclave was a success. We had about 30 members in attendance and the conclave was held electronically by "ZOOM". All committees reported, we put forth 4 amendments to the Grand Commandery Constitution to be voted on in October, approved the budget, and re-elected our Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and myself as Grand Commander.

In that conclave I talked about the need for us to get back to the work of our organization. Even though, as of this writing, we are still under the Grand Encampment Grand Master's order #12 restricting us from conferring Orders and restricting in person meetings, it is time that we resume communication with our Sir Knights.

I asked at that Conclave that all our Commanderies set up capabilities to have "zoom" or "go to meeting" conclaves as soon as possible. The objective here will be to start having electronic conclaves in September.

Look for your Commandery to be starting electronic meetings shortly. Several Commanderies were unable to hold elections in the spring and some of those that had elections haven't installed their officers. It should be a top priority for those Commanderies that haven't had elections to do so electronically as soon as possible.

Also in that recent Conclave, Deputy Grand Commander Austin brought forth a new initiative for Commanderies to aid local food banks with the financial support of the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commandery will match the donations of each and every Commandery that makes a donation to a local food bank up to \$200 per food bank.

See the slogan in the banner at the top of the other page – "Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity". This is an easy way to add to your Commandery's charitable giving program or an easy way to start a charitable giving program if you don't have one. The need is great and we should be part of reducing that need in our communities.

Continue to be safe, trust In God, and pray for the day Covid-19 is under control.

Yours in service to Christ,

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p.s. Save this date – Annual Conclave to be held at 7pm Friday October 23rd, 2020. This will likely be an electronic "Zoom" meeting.