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The Falling Leaves!

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

As this article reaches your mailbox, we are waving goodbye to summer with the approach of Labor Day. During the Labor Day Holiday, let us be thankful for the men and women who work hard every day to bring us all of the useful items that we need to maintain life as we know it. We should all be grateful to the nurses, doctors, and healthcare workers who are risking their lives taking care of the COVID-19 patients. We need to offer up prayers for their safety.

Your Grand Commandery Officers continue to meet by WebEx and by telephone to improve our services to you, our members. The Grand Commandery Officers will conduct four virtual regional conclaves this year. The dates for these conclaves will be October 3rd, October 24th, November 14th, and December 5th all beginning at 10 am. The topics and presentations will be the same during all four dates to provide uniformity. The Grand Recorder will be sending out information to all Commandery Recorders as well as WebEx invitations by email. The Commandery Recorders will be forwarding these emails to the members of their Commandery. So stay tuned for further information.

Keeping with the standards set forth by previous Grand Commanders, I have asked Sir Knight Matthew L. Quesenberry, our Grand Warder, to introduce himself with a little article.

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:14 RSV)

Christianity - Templary - In Christ's Footsteps!

Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, Grand Commander

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND WARDER

Greetings Sir Knights,

I am honored and humbled by my election as the new Grand Warder and will always strive to be worthy of that confidence.

Many of you have probably seen me at past Grand York Rite conferences with my brother, Sir Knight Daniel R. Quesenberry, Past Grand Commander, our mother, Royann, and our dog, Mojo. For those who don't know me, I have, like

most of you, been actively pursuing Masonic Light. I have been Master of Raytown Lodge No. 391 and Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 17. I am also a recipient of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor, the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite, and the York Rite College Order of the Purple Cross. I have been published in the Knight Templar magazine. I am a past DDGM of the old 59th Masonic District. I have been a member of and in the East of various Masonic Bodies and continue to be active in the Degree work of all my Masonic Bodies.

I hold a Masters Degree in History and make my living as a salesman. I am a faithful member of the Tri-City Baptist Church and have taught Sunday morning bible study for single adults.

Being in the Grand Commandery line is very exciting and I look forward to working closely with the Sir Knights around the State. In these uncertain times, our Order possesses all the attributes our society so desperately needs. Let's all work together to help them be aware of that. God Bless you All.

Fraternally,

Sir Knight Matthew L. Quesenberry, Grand Warder

ENJOY THE LEAVES

I have something to show you. Autumn leaves and their colors are beautiful! One of the reasons to walk in the woods during the fall is the leaves. Their colors can be striking and it can be very refreshing to the spirit. The feeling is expressed in Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

We may also discover that God can "talk" to us through little things like leaves. God can remind us of some very important truths about Him as we look at the leaves. Every year God replenishes the leaves on the trees. Every year He gives us colors that are beautiful and exhilarating. Every year He lets the leaves fall to the ground and decompose in order to nourish the forest. God is always taking care of His world in quiet little ways that we might miss. God is always giving us evidence that He is with us. God "whispers" his presence to us in a reassuring manner. Start looking at the beauty of nature and listening to the whisper of God as He uses things like leaves to give us a warm feeling of love.

AUTUMN THOUGHTS

As we move into autumn, we might recall a couple of songs from the sixties: "See You In September" and "The Summer Song." The first speaks of a couple hoping to reunite after a summer of separation. The second speaks of a love coming to a conclusion at the end of summer. One looks ahead while the other looks back. We each seem to do this in our lives. It is comfortable to look back and live in the past. However, this is not God's design. God wants us to always look forward. As summer turns to autumn, look forward and thank God for the richness of our past years as well as the many blessings He has in store for us in our future years.