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Greetings Sir Knights:

Certainly, the year of 2020 has been a challenge to our lives -whether it's our personal, professional, or masonic. I applaud you on your ability to **adapt** to the **changes** that you have made. We have not been able to meet in person at conclaves, but we have and continue do so virtually. In the beginning it was a new experience for most of us, but from the virtual conclaves that I have attended these past 4 months, we have progressed and have gotten more comfortable in virtual use. Some Commanderies have also met virtually during July and August which is not the norm, but then again, we are not in normal mode.

Your commitment to keep in contact virtually is encouraged. If from September on we must continue to meet virtually, I hope that Commanderies that have not fully adopted the online capability will try the new technology. With that said, I am looking for more Commanderies to share their conclave notices with each other in order that Sir Knights from our Grand and Subordinate Commanderies can 'virtually travel' and meet their fellow fraters from across the state. This is a great opportunity to attend other Commanderies conclaves when you most likely could not visit because it was a mid-week meeting, a distance or time restriction.

On July 12, Allegheny Commandery No. 35 was able to have their Wreath Laying at the Memorial to the Tuskegee Airmen in Sewickley, PA scheduled event. It had to be scaled back this year because of the pandemic protocols, however it was a good time and they are already planning for next year's event on June 27, 2021.



As I write this, our Annual Memorial Weekend in Gettysburg on 19-20 September is still scheduled. However, the situation may abruptly change and force us to modify or possibly cancel the weekend events. Please look for updates for the status of this event.

We continue to **adapt** and **change** by modifying old procedures and creating new ones. Most likely this will continue for the rest of 2020 and possibly into 2021. I ask each Sir Knight to put forth new thoughts and ideas about how to improve their local Commanderies and the Grand Commandery. Please send any thoughts and comments to your Division Commander and Section Officers. This is an opportunity to share ideas to improve ourselves now and into the future.

My prayers continue for you and your loved ones to be safe and happy not only during these times, but for all times.

Yours in Templary,
Sean M. Tomasic
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A Letter from the Grand Prelate:

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:14 (NIV)

If we follow Jesus' commandment to: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself" we are compelled to walk through the gate and along the narrow road that leads to life. It is comforting to know that God is always in the process of helping us to improve ourselves so that we become the best we can be. You can be assured that the journey is not always going to be easy, but the trip contains memorable moments and the view is out of this world!

Heavenly Father, I am confident about the future because You can handle anything life brings.

Rev. & S.K. Orville R. Jones, HPC, IKT, GP

Some Upcoming Events

(Dates are scheduled, but tentative until confirmed due to the pandemic):

September 11-12 - NE Department Conference (Online)

September 19 & 20 - Gettysburg Memorial Weekend

October 18 - North East Section Reception

October 24 - Central Section Reception

November 13-14 - Line Officers Seminar