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# First Thing To Do Is Vote For Phase Two!

# **GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

#### Greetings Sir Knights,

Wow, it is warming up fast. I know many of our Commanderies are dark during the hot summer months, but all Commanderies can work on one very important task whether they are dark or not. "What is that?" you ask. It is voting to go to Phase Two reopening status! Hopefully, all of our Sir Knights feel secure enough with the risks of in person meetings - particularly with full vaccination to start attending Commandery meetings on a regular basis. Now, don't get me wrong - everyone needs to follow the specifications in my General Order No. 2 concerning reopening - which means looking out for yourself first, your family second, and your community third.

"But we are dark until September (or whenever)," you say. No problem! The Commander could call a special Commandery meeting for the purposes of voting on reopening status - that would have to be a Virtual Conclave for Phase Zero Commanderies (remember that Sir Knight Hanson can help you with that) - it would be a limited in person meeting for Phase One Commanderies. If you cannot hold a Virtual Conclave or an in person meeting, then your Commandery Recorder, at the direction of your Commander, can poll (that is take a vote) the membership via email or snail mail. Sir Knights it is important that we all get back to our Commanderies and back to work.

One very important note concerning when you vote and when you can open at the new reopening status is clearly lined out in General Order No. 2. If you vote to go to Phase Two one month, then you cannot open at Phase Two until the next month. Don't jump the gun and vote to go to Phase Two and immediately open that meeting on Phase Two - that is illegal.

I have another important reason for urging all Commanderies to get to Phase Two reopening status. "What is that?" you ask. It's that Phase Two Commanderies can practice for the 2022 Drill Competition Event. Yippie! The Drill Competition next year will be held on Saturday morning, June 11, 2022. I am hoping that every Commandery in the State will register for the Drill Competition.

In other matters, I have enjoyed attending the State-wide meetings of the Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls together with my distinguished counter parts in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The young Ladies of both of these fine organizations perform their ritual work beautifully. I was very

pleased to be treated with the most gracious honor and respect.

I am in the early stages of planning a September 2021 (probably toward the end) State-wide WebEx meeting for all Commanderies in the State in order to discuss important issues including reopening status. Additional information will be sent to the Commandery Recorders as soon as it is ready.

### Walking with Christ in a Return to Normalcy!

Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Grand Commander

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