

OREGON SUPPLEMENT

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Sir Knights of Oregon,

The York Rite and especially the Our Commanderies are preparing for new companions and Knights. The Grand Commandery is preparing an officer's meeting for this summer, the better to be on one page to present our work to the novitiates.

I am in hopes that each Commandery will prepare to confer the Malta and Red Cross Orders in their own asylums, the better to reinforce the work for your Knights and take pride in the introduction of the Chivalric Orders to your local and newly accepted candidates.

Please send a note to me if you can create a schedule of when you can hold a conferral. I will do my best to be there.

I have had the privilege to meet with Lodge members in Eugene, Bend, Redmond, and Burns. Parts of my mission with them, is to aid in Blue Lodge membership, and of course explain to them the importance of the York Rite. We know that all Masons are probably in possession of the first three degrees of the York Rite, but have not received the completed education required to be able to receive their wages, make their Mark, receive not the lost word, but the true word of a Master Mason. We know that each companion of the Royal Arch is in need of the lessons of the Cryptic council and we are confident that every Christian Mason should become a Knight.

Each Knight of this jurisdiction is enjoined to attend a Masonic Lodge meeting. You are charged to wear the Jacket of a Knight, no Sword or Chapeau, and with permission of the Master, explain to our brethren why Knights Templar is important to you. Be prepared to explain what our eye foundation and our Pilgrimage for Ministers to the Holy Land have done.

Our Chapters, Councils and Commanderies have been darkened for the past year. Let us bring light to them with a great reunion of our members this fall. Hold a public installation and dinner to invite members of the Masonic family, and most importantly, every fellow Knight that is a member of your

Commandery. Have transportation available for those that may need it. Each Captain General should see that every member is contacted and every response recorded. Assign help, make our fellow Knights aware that they are not only welcome, but with their swords, they are the protectors of our faith. We need to communicate, break bread, remember our savior and the gift we have received, and in communion give thanks for the blessings we have and will receive. Make this reunion a celebration for those that have survived the Pandemic through which we have passed, and give thanks for the time we shared with those that have joined our ranks in Heaven.

Make this (k)night the finest hour we can provide. The Asylum should be exceptionally clean and tidy. Have flowers for the ladies and greeters to meet every attendee and be sure they are made welcome. Greet those of Rank, but remember that this meeting is for our membership, both those present and those past. Invite the widows and be sure they have an escort to the table and are well cared for.

This should be a celebration of Renewal, and Thanks Giving. The Prelate must prepare a proper invocation, prayer of Thanks Giving, and a Benediction. A moment of silence should be reserved and the members lost during the past two years be read, a bell rung or chimed would be appropriate. Cheerfully continue the dinner with Joy for we know that life continues for eternity with faith in the Christ.

As always, Share your faith with those in despair, share what you have with those in need, and give thanks to God for all things.

S.K. Grant Sharp, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon.

