



SOUTH CAROLINA SUPPLEMENT  
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Sir Knights,

Our abbreviated Grand Conclave is behind us and now we move to the business of getting our oars going in the same direction. Just like our orders, I consider this year to be a journey. Unlike our orders, we take the next step in this journey together. We will face challenges. We will overcome most and maybe must sidestep others. Our focus for the journey is to learn. The knowledge we gain along the way helps build a better Commandery. There are three areas of focus this year.

First, is establishing a new way to conduct official visits. Our mission is to make these visits beneficial for everyone involved. We will conduct six district meetings at a place chosen by the District Deputy and the constituent bodies in each District. Meetings will occur on Saturdays. The meetings will be opened and managed by one of the three Grand Bodies. The first one is on the calendar of August 28. Details are on the SCGYR website, <https://scgyr.org/>. We will install a few officers that could not be present at the Grand Conclave. Please put it on your calendar to attend.

Second, I am issuing an order that each Commandery participate in at least one public event in the 2021-2022 year. Consider these possibilities, Public Celebration of Christmas Observance, City Festivals, Christmas Parades, Presentation of the colors at District Blue Lodge Meetings, and Church functions. These are just a few!

The main thing is to be visible.

Let the public see and hear our mission. We are soldiers for Christ. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation helps the world see better, we still protect the pilgrim through the Holy Land Pilgrimage, and we help defeat ignorance by providing a path to higher education through the Knights Templar Education Foundation. Let us get out there and let the world know who we are!

Last, I want to urge all of Masonry to help one another! Assist other Commanderies when you have a skill that you think they could use. Go visit and help! We have repeatedly promised to help a brother in need so let us keep that promise. Always keep the Grand Commandery up to date on any work or events you have coming up by submitting it on the website. I am strongly encouraging all members of the Grand Commandery, elected and appointed, to attend and help. We can only do that if we know the work is happening!

In closing, remember our theme of the year, to love one another. Love is not always easy, but it is always worth it.

Fraternally,  
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