

Delaware Supplement

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My Fraters,

MISSION ACOMPLISHED! I have completed the forty-day devotional challenge. I know, it took me long enough, and I am sorry I didn't try harder earlier. It was a total blessing, the amount of knowledge and insight I have received are to say the least, incommunicable in this brief supplement. Yet as I ponder it, the difficulty voicing or even writing would be dim in comparison to the Epiphanies that exploded in heart and soul. This Challenge, especially now, I do encourage you to take up. You will not be disappointed, in fact it will leave you in Awe.

Well February is here; the holidays are behind us and the cold heart of winter is upon us. The cold affects us, the weather and so on and so forth, yet take a look, the days are getting longer, the hope of spring is just around the corner. The first budding of the crocus' will be soon and with the melting snow the warmer breezes of spring fill the air. The sun shines upon us with its life sustaining warmth. We have so much to look forward too. Well with the coming of Spring the solemnity of the approaching Lenten season culminates with Holy Week and Easter Sunday, and the Feast of the resurrection of our Blessed Lord. how can we as Knights Templar ever begin any season without remembering our Lord? We also have the Masonic York Rite degrees of the Royal Arch and Cryptic Council and finally the conferral of the Orders of Chivalric Masonry, this is not even mentioning the great adventures we may have with our own families and friends. Take the time now to ponder and pray as to what you ought to do.

My Time as your Grand Commander wanes down as our Grand Sessions are the second weekend in March. I would like to take this time in saying thank you for this opportunity to serve you, at the same time to apologize for not serving enough, many out of state Grand sessions I have indeed failed to make. Work obligations made much traveling impossible, but I did try to focus on bringing us back to the Basics. By bringing the importance of Our Redeeming Lord back to the front of the line, without whom we would all be in great danger. I wished to emphasize the importance of our families and their needs as well as the needs of each individual Frater, Brother, Cousin, Companion or anyone in need, Mason or not. Lastly, Our Fraternity itself in the various bodies and the whole, the former is why we joined the later right? To become better men?

If anything I wish all of you this one thing, that you see yourselves as Sons of the Most High God. You are very important to His work here on earth, whether that work be in the fraternity or to a member of your family or to a complete stranger. Remember always that it is Christ who will judge in the end, not a fraternity, not a state, nor a person. Pray always. Remember prayer is not a monologue but a dialogue. Sit, listen and reflect on God, who will instruct you far better than I. In closing enjoy your fellowship with your Brothers and everyone, you never know how long you will have them with you. Treat every day as a gift.

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