

KANSAS TOPICS

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Salute to the Sir Knights of Kansas,

We are starting the second month of a new year and how many of you have already stopped your New Year's resolutions? It's the month many people discontinue their resolutions, but worry not. Resolutions can be made anytime throughout the year, not just at the beginning of a new year. Deciding to make a change in your life can be an important decision and also very difficult to accomplish. The big issue is **you**, and only **you** need to make the commitment in your mind if you are going to have the determination to see it through. Whether it is to eat less, exercise more, read more, or simply to enjoy life. In some cases, it's nice to have a resolution partner to help you. I haven't made a New Year's resolution for years. I have however, made resolutions and find that making them at a time that is convenient for me, puts less stress on accomplishing them. Our resolutions put us under added stress when starting at the beginning of the year; therefore, our entire year gets off to a bad start if we fail. Take Knights Templar for example, if you make a resolution to learn a new part and it doesn't get it done, you feel terrible. Maybe, by not getting it completed you give up on the whole idea of learning something new. I'm encouraging you to make the commitment when it best suits you and your schedule, and don't give up if you don't learn it all. Little steps are better than no steps and progression is better than perfection. Last year was a really hard year, but with the new vaccines hope is on the way. Hope is on the way for Knights Templar as well. S.K. Jeffrey H. Nelson, MEGM has issued General Order No. 14 allowing us to meet in person as long as all guidelines for safety are followed. When having or attending these

meetings it is up to your own discretion, as to whether they are safe for you. Plans and discussions are being made for Grand Session and I sincerely hope we will be able to have them in-person. I'm not holding a lot of hopes for festivals this spring. I'm just not sure pandemic wise it would be the right thing to do. I would rather not throw them together and the degree work to be lacking. When this thing breaks loose, we will have plenty of time to get it done. Please, continue to look over your parts and practice on your own so we will be ready.

When you think of February the first thing that probably comes to mind is Valentine's Day. A day we are supposed to make an extra effort to show our loved ones how much we care. However, just like resolutions, we can and should show our loved ones how much we care every day of the year. Also, it is the month we celebrate Presidents Day. Originally, President's Day was to honor Abe Lincoln and George Washington, but now it is used to honor all our past presidents. We need a day to honor all our past Grand Commanders. What a great idea! We could have it sometime in the summer months so there would be plenty of BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs; anything for an excuse to have BBQ! Whoa! Back to reality! I'll just be plenty happy if we can get through this pandemic without losing any more Sir Knights and loved ones. This is a pretty great organization to belong to and although, we haven't seen each other much this past year, it has been nice just knowing you are there, and making a difference. We will soon be socializing together again, and returning to some degree of normal. Tell the special people in your life how much you love them, stay safe and healthy.

God Bless you all.

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