



William J. Jackson, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

Normally this time of year we talk about preparing for the East Central meeting and the pilgrimage to Washington DC for the Easter Sunrise service. But the East Central Department Commander, Sir Knight Pugh, tells me that these things are to be virtual this year due to COVID-19. So it looks as though the only thing we have to look forward to in February 2021 is Valentine's Day.

It is supposed to be a day to express our love to our wives and/or girlfriends. Industry says that we are to buy flowers, candy, jewelry, and dinner at a restaurant. They say this expresses LOVE. But what is LOVE?

The dictionary says LOVE is an intense feeling of affection or a great interest or pleasure in something. I don't find this much of a description of one of our greatest blessings.

Saint Paul says in I Corinthians (chapter 13 verses 4-8) that LOVE is patient, LOVE is kind, LOVE is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, and endures. LOVE never ends. He goes on to say that faith, hope, and love exists and that the greatest of these is LOVE.

So you see LOVE is not just a strong affection for someone or something. (I like ice cream very much, but that's not love.) You can't buy LOVE. LOVE requires time, commitment, and truth.

If you really want to show her that you LOVE her, spend your time on her. Time is the most valuable commodity we have in this life. So, learn to cook her favorite meal (and clean up afterwards.). Use her favorite

wine even if it's Mad Dog 20/20 and act like its great champagne. Listen to her and talk with her, not at her. Don't be rude or overbearing. Learn to arrange your own flowers and hand them to her (not pre-arranged and delivered). Nothing says I LOVE you more than giving your time, listening, and being considerate. We need each other so much on our walk through this life. Remember she was created not from Adam's head to be over him, not from Adam's feet to be walked on, but from his rib. To be equal to him, protected by him, and to be LOVED by him.

Happy Valentine's Day. May God bless and keep you all safe in these trying times.

Courteously,
William J. Jackson,
 Grand Commander

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY
 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

Saturday February 20, 2021
 10:00am Eastern time
 Louisville DeMolay Commandery
 1410 Gardiner Ln, Louisville

Attire will be full Templar uniform.
 (This will allow for proper instruction
 on how to communicate across the lines
 and sword etiquette.)

Social distancing and the wearing of masks will be
REQUIRED for attendees.

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