

West Virginia Supplement

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From the Office of your Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Sir Knight Vincent E. Perry:

I hope this supplement finds all well and everyone looking forward to warmer days and the end to this unpleasantness of Covid-19.

I believe we are all looking to receive communication from our Grand Encampment that will allow all of our commanderies to open up for meetings, to conduct business, and confer work on new candidates.

However, at this time we are still on Zero Phase.

Department Commander Sir Knight W. Bill Reinhold, who has been a great help to me, informs me that there have been no additions or amendments to General Order number 14 from our Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Therefore, we are still under Phase Zero, of this general order number 14.

For all phases, the common guidelines are to avoid socializing in large groups, maximize social distancing and personal protective equipment in public, minimize travel, and all vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place.

An overview of specific Phase Zero guidelines are as follows: Stated or Special Conclave, Battalion, District, Division, et. Meetings for regional or statewide activities should be limited to virtual conclaves and conference calls only. Video will only show the dais officers. In-person conclaves at any location are prohibited. Drill team practices are prohibited in person as they make it impossible to maintain proper social distancing. Grand

Commandery Conclaves, Reconsecrations, York Rite Festivals, receptions, parades, in-person Commandery religious observances, posting of colors, casket honor guards, military balls, Christmas observances, social events, and any similar activities are prohibited. Travel for commandery purposes is prohibited. Any type of ritual work associated with the conferral of any of the Commandery orders on candidates is prohibited.

Let us therefore pray this vaccine will do its job, to produce immunity to this Covid-19.

Now looking forward to this summer, I am considering moving our Grand Conclave to May 13, 14, and 15 this year (which would be our regular date for Grand Conclave). I am considering this after much thought and gathered wisdom, along with health restrictions and state limits on gatherings. This depends on how this vaccine affects our members. I will be publishing updates in our next supplement. Please read these carefully.

Now in closing let us read from the Holy Word found in the book of St. Matthew, 5th chapter, 14th through the 16th verses:

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

God Bless each and every one of you, is my prayer.

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