## ARKANSAS SUPPLEMENT

## In Memoriam

Right Eminent Sir Knight Joseph T. Clements, Jr.
Past Grand Commander (Honorary)
Grand Treasurer, Emeritus



February 7, 1939 - November 1, 2020

RE Sir Knight Clements served as Grad Treasurer of the Grand Commandery for over 15 years. He was the first recipient of the Hrand York Rite "Fay Hempstead" award. He had served in many leadership roles in the honorary bodies, including Puissant Sovereign of St. Giles Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Very Eminent Preceptor of Holy Grail Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He was the recipient of the Grand Lodge Medal of Honor, and was coroneted a 33rd Degree SGIG honorary by the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite.

## R: E: Grand Commander Ronald S. Tucker gc@aryorkrite.org Greetings, Sir Knights:



Sir Knights: Starting into the new year, we return to rotating articles from our Grand officers. This month's article is from our Grand Sr. Warden, ESK Wm. Ronald Frizzell. *Editor*.

## Sir Knights:

Finally 2020 is behind us and it really feels good to wish you a Happy New Year! 2020 was one of the most unusual and trying years that I can remember. Although it appears we are not out of the woods yet, it is refreshing to think of the hope a new year brings. As Christians we are blessed in knowing our hope is backed by our faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without faith, hope simply becomes empty dreams but together they form a powerful foundation for life. Our great Trestle Board, the Bible, is filled with great examples of trials and tribulation ending in triumph because of the hope and faith of God's people. Because of their hope and faith the Israelites reached the Promised Land after wandering in the desert. Job was rewarded after being tempted by Satan. Nehemiah's hope and faith resulted in the rebuilding of the temple. The hope and faith of the people for a Messiah was answered by the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hope and faith in His resurrection resulted in eternal life. Our hope and faith in Christ's return draws us near to Him. With such powerful examples as these. I have no doubt that the small disruptions of our lives

experienced last year and any continuing struggles we may have to endure will result in triumph as long as we remain unwavering in our hope and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Until the day comes when normalcy returns, we as Christian Knights should not sit idly by but take advantage of this time to be a beacon of light in the darkness. Let's do what we can to spread our hope and faith to a world that is in desperate need of it. Not only by words but also by action. I hope you will take the time to begin this New Year by supporting and praying for our churches, our pastors, and our fellow man. Small acts can have huge results.

I hope each and every one of you have a great year and your hope and faith grow as you share the hope and faith we have in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the service of Christ,

Ronnie Frizzell Grand Senior Warden

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