

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF HAWAII

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Aloha Sir Knights:

I hope that everyone is healthy and well! What a year 2020 was! The zooming has continued at all levels; Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, and even at the Commandery level.

For those that have not yet gotten the work; it was decided back in November to hold our Grand Convocation via zoom as well. It will take place on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 1000 hours. If you have not yet received the registration information, please contact your Recorder.

At our upcoming Grand Convocation, there will be at least one proposed By-Law amendment being proposed; too increase per capita. For those of you who are not aware, our Grand Commandery barely breaks even each year. I actually started my year with deficit, which was not made up until September of 2020. There may also be a few amendments to conform our By-Laws with those of the Grand Encampment. We will also be voting on a Grand Captain General and progressing the rest of the line upward.

One item that I have noticed with all the governmental restrictions is that it has become easy to fall into the trap of putting aside certain obligations. I would encourage everyone to continue their diligence, get their dues notices out, follow-up with their members, hold zoom meetings, and keep everyone involved. Even if there is no business to discuss, now is the time to hold educational meetings, recruit thought leaders from the mainland or anywhere in the world. That is the one benefit of our current situation; the ability to connect with and involve others from other all over the world.

I would continue to also encourage all Sir Knights to become Life Members of the KT Eye Foundation (only \$100, <https://www.ktef.org/>) and to elect to receive the Knight Templar Magazine electronically.

If you need any help finding information on either of these, please contact your local recorder. If they cannot assist you, please email me at [dustin.verity@gmail.com](mailto:dustin.verity@gmail.com).

In addition to our Grand Convocation, other events upcoming are as follows:

- a. The Grand Encampment will be holding a Virtual Easter Observance on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 1100 EST. This is an opportunity for us to attend a mainland Easter Observance without incurring the travel costs.
- b. Also a reminder that the Grand Encampment will be held from August 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in Minneapolis. More information may be found here: <https://www.knightstemplar.org/ge682021.html>

I definably miss seeing everyone on person, but glad to hear that everyone is remaining healthy.

Until next month...

Yours in chivalry,

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