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From and to the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Indiana

Things change, Templary lives on

By SK Ed Fodrea KCT

Grand Commander

Hello 2021! We have some exciting things planned for this year.

First, though, I would be remiss if I did not thank our reopening task force. Thank you to those that helped us develop a strategy that will not only keep us safe now, but will also keep us safe in our future endeavors as we begin to be able to meet face to face once more — 6 feet apart of course! We must, as commanderies, be wise and knowledgeable about how to keep safe, how to involve our fraters and how we can meet guidelines and mandates dictated by our Governor to stay open and able to do the work of the order. As the health of our fraters is of utmost concern, we need to be diligent about wearing masks in the asylums, maintaining social distance, and performing frequent hand hygiene.

Our Most Eminent Grand Master has deliberated on keeping the fraternity safe, and has entrusted each of us to follow rules and guidelines in order that we be able to safely confer orders and have gatherings. He has formulated changes in the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta so that we may be able to continue those beautiful and inspiring orders. As such, we will be able to confer these orders following the guidance given. At this time, we are unable to confer the Order of the Temple. To date, Grand Master Nelson, and his team are endeavoring to modify the Order of the Temple so that we will once more be able to confer this impressive order as well.

Yes, things will be different. It would be folly to think things could ever return to how they were prior to this pestilence that has come among us. Having said that, we will honor the past by going boldly into the future.

I look forward to being able to spend time with each of you, either at a regular meeting, one of the events planned, on the bus trip, or at Grand Conclave in April. It is my earnest prayer that each of you is well, excited to be together again, and inspired by the works of your commandery.

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