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“What’s in it for me”



Greetings Sir Knights,
I hope you are having a good start to the new year. Normally we would be at the end of the inspection season, However, the COVID 19 pandemic. has given us a delay. Hopefully we will be able to do it this spring - God willing and the Creeks don't rise. I hope you all have been active on the virtual meeting technology. I have been able to attend some of them myself. While this is not as good as meeting in person, it is a great thing during this period of isolation. I have been able to meet with some of you in different bodies and I appreciated that. I look forward to meeting in person again soon. In the mean time, Rachel and I wish you a happy new year. Keep all of our ill and homebound in your prayers.

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If they don't know they can't go!

Have you posted your event it on the Grand Commandery web site, sent a post card, put out a letter or made a phone call? These seemingly little things make sure the Knights know what is happening. No matter how well planned an event is, if the Knights don't know they won't be there.

Good planning includes good communication



*The Prelates Quill
Reflecting on the word of God*

*Looking to the new year it is most valuable to review the word of God relating to our lives, this beginning of the new year I would direct all to a couple special verses that will guide us to new places in his light. **Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.. And one of my personal stabilizers, Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Knights and ladies live in the word of our Lord and he will give you strength.***

Special insight on membership.

As 2021 progresses and we face yet another year of strain on membership, it is important that local commandery membership chairman contact our **state membership chairman SK. Gary Leach, PC from Ypsilanti #54.** All members of the Grand membership committee and constituent commanderies are encouraged to stay in touch with Gary, provide him updates on what you are doing to help keep members active and engaged in these tough times. These short but useful presentations can help us build relationships, bring in and Keep members. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27RO2CvDcyQ&t=4s> part 1 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4P-4Xvz3Ms> part 2. these are valuable tools for every member in these unique times. Seek out ways to reach out to and sign up those masons who desire the York Rite and especially the Templar bond.



**Stay Connected -
Stay Safe**



The virtual Age

Changing times mean we must change as well, it is critical that we embrace every chance to keep on track and more so to stay in touch. , I encourage Commanderies to hold “Virtual” Conclaves. These work well for maintaining proper business communications, even holding election and installation of Officers. During these virtual sessions no ritual can be performed or discussed. Simple rule of thumb if we could legally do it in public it is safe for a virtual meeting. Check out internet programs like Skype, Zoom, Go to meeting. These are just a few of the free of inexpensive programs out there.