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We welcome in a new year. 2020 was unprecedented. We had fires, riots, a tense presidential election, and of course COVID19. Now it is time to learn from 2020. Use what we learned to create a better organization. I see January 2021 as the morning sun. As we have all heard “As the sun rises in the East, to open and govern the day, so rises....” It is time for all masonic bodies to get to work and perform proper instruction. Let’s find a new normal.

What have we learned? That we can with stand the many stones thrown at us. Through the practice of our faith and living our oath can we will survive and become stronger. The following early Templar Oath always sticks in my mind:

**Be without fear
In the face of your enemies.
Be brave and upright
That God may love thee.
Speak the truth always,
Even if it leads to your death,
Safeguard the helpless,
And do no wrong.**

We have faced our enemies. We made changes to the way we conduct business to safeguard those at risk. We have flourished.

Now we need to use the lessons of 2020 to grow even more. Everybody knows what Zoom is. If we continue to use it for business and education, we will be better for it. It is safe, reduces travel expenses, and enables those who can’t be at regular meetings an opportunity to participate.

It will never take the place of social gatherings or ritual. We need to continue meeting other knights for the purpose of exchanging the rites and, more importantly, foster those positive relationships. We can do that practicing safety.

I believe the best direction to travel now is a highbred model of knighthood. You Zoom for cost savings and safety’s sake. You meet on the level, in person, so we can all continue being a part of this great fraternity and enjoying the fun through fellowship.

We also need to communicate with each other beyond “snail” mail. Look at the election controversy surrounding mail. It is a solid form of communications; however, social media is more cost effective and it is timely.

I am proud of North Dakota’s Commanderies and how they are using social media. The ND Grand line has a Facebook page North Dakota Grand York Rite @NDGYR and a Twitter Account ND_York_Rite@nd_rite. We see it as a way to get information out to our Knights. As social media changes we should, too.

Lastly, I feel it is so important that we take care of those Lady’s whose Knight has departed us. Let’s check on them. Invite them to social events. Send them a kind message on Facebook, Shapchat, Hangouts, or whatever type of social media they use. Let them know they are important, too.

If you need help with social media or have questions about the North Dakota Grand Commandery please contact me, SK Leo Rognlin, at 701-388-5483 or yorkritenorthdakota@gmail.com



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