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“What’s in it for me”



Sir Knights, I bring you greetings from Rachel and myself. This being the month we celebrate the independence and the freedoms we were given by the founders of our country, I hope all of you are able to celebrate it joyfully. Things are picking up and allowing us to gather as SKs. I know that the time away from meeting in the lodges has been hard on us when it comes to doing the opening of our commanderies. Now that we can meet again, we should be able to get things back to normal. I must also encourage you to pray daily to God that our faith will not be disrupted by non-believers. Now may God Bless you and have you in His Holy keeping.

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*From the Editor*

Coming soon the state supplements will not be published in the printed magazine, they will instead be upgraded, published later and posted in the states local Grand Commandry Website. Great news this will make all supplements available on demand and in color. Details to follow. *Knights & Ladies who wish to view past editions of the state supplement can do so by going to our website: WWW.KT-MI.org, go to the Grand Encampment link and click “supplements”, you can select our state or even look at other states from that same link.*

*Celebrate in Style*

On behalf of the Grand Officers it is my pleasure to wish all Knights and Ladies to take time and joy in celebrating our Nations Birthday. July 4th, every year is the time when Americans have set aside many wonderful events to celebrate our national independence. Join in, March in a Parade, decorate you homes and your lodges, give to others, even just invite others to a picnic, HOWEVER you celebrate this great American birthday, do it with JOY & PRIDE. Stay safe and pray for the continued blessings and salvation for our Nation.



*The Prelates Quill*

*God gives us so many words of support, whatever the instance, no matter the problem or worry, Gods word is your support. Often I reflect on some common and some uncommon verses during reflection on my daily prayer, here are a couple that may help one of you. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. { 1 Peter 1:6-7. “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 May the spirit of God be with you always. Finally remember The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. psalm 34:18*



*“Shout it out loud”*

Please remember to post your event on the Grand Commandery web site, {[www.kt-mi.org](http://www.kt-mi.org)}, send a post card, put out a letter or make some phone calls. These seemingly little things make sure the Knights know what is happening. All your efforts in planning and preparing for any event go by the wayside if Knights don’t know its happening. Guaranteed if they don’t know it’s happening, they won’t be there.

**Good planning includes good communication**

Masons in History and Independence day

DIDCHAKNOW– that Nine of the 56 signers of the **Declaration of Independence** were **Freemasons** during their lifetime, though not necessarily in 1776: William Ellery; Benjamin Franklin; John Hancock; Joseph Hewes; William Hooper; Robert Treat Paine; Richard Stockton; George Walton; and William Whipple .

DIDCHAKNOW– that Although the Masonic fraternity played no part in the **Revolutionary War**, it can easily be shown that in many ways the **revolutionary** ideals of equality, freedom, and democracy were espoused by the Masonic fraternity long before the **American** colonies began to complain about the injustices of British taxation