



Nebraska Supplement

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Grand Commander's Comments

Greetings Sir Knights and I hope that your Spring start of Summer are going well. Now that all are starting to remove from underneath the COVID umbrella and everyone is rushing back to get what they believe is back to wearing masks normal, I encourage you to look toward your Commandries and membership to see what you can do to improve them and help your membership and communities.

We have spent a long-time wearing masks, social distancing, and lately hopefully getting our vaccines to help prevent another large break-out again and now have the chance to experience the fellowship that Masonry is supposed to be known for. That being said, this is also a time that a lot of your Commandries go dark for the summer months. I would encourage you this year not to go dark, but to find a way to get together with the membership, schedule a time to practice the opening and closing that you have not done for over a year. Work on an order so that when the time comes you might be able to perform it. Review your books and records to ensure you have not let any potential candidates slip away. If you find that you have candidates the summer months may be a good time to schedule the order work. For my Knight Companions out West, we might be able to schedule an out of schedule festival to help you bring those candidates in an agreed to location for all to confer the orders and allow you to keep what might be a candidate that will slip through your grasp.

I cannot over emphasize the need to start getting back

together as Masons, Companions and Knights. Over the last year we have not been allowed to get together other than virtually and though that was something that allowed us to at least communicate with each other, it does not substitute meeting in person and doing things as a group.

I have a hard time understanding why my fellow Brothers and Knights who claimed they did not like being forced to cancel meetings and gatherings, and quote" were only allowed to do virtual stuff" are not now striving and excited about the opportunity to get together again and plan to do something as a group now that they have the opportunity and ability.

Enough on getting together and now let me switch to may getting together with you and your Commandries. A schedule was sent out to announce my visits coming up in 2021 and I would greatly appreciate the Commander's and/or Records getting back to me via email or by phone call or text to let me know that those scheduled dates will work for my visits. My email is tjark@cox.net and my phone is (402) 679-6141 if you would be kind enough to answer this request. The information can also be obtained from the Grand Recorder.

Have a great July and August, but please at least plan your upcoming year, come up with a project to do as a group. It does not have to be big. It could be something to help your Lodge, Chapter or Council. It could be something for your local community, but do something. This will make you feel better about the organization, paint a positive light with the community or at least Masons as a whole and allow you to live up the truly Masonic tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Have a Grand Summer
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