

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

This month I'd like to speak about the commitment of Knights Templary to the Christian religion.

This past year we were able to celebrate, via Zoom events, our Christmas observance, Holy Thursday/Good Friday observance, and the Easter the Sunrise Service.

Many thanks to Grand Junior Warden Gary Kennedy and Grand Prelate Charles Beckhardt and their crew for putting together the Holy Thursday/Good Friday observance and the Christmas observance for all Sir Knights in the Grand Commandery of Maryland.

Also, thanks to the Grand Encampment Grand Prelate Art Hebbeler for producing the Easter Sunrise service right here in Maryland for viewing by all Knights in the USA. It was both an honor and a pleasure for the Grand Dais officers of the Grand Commandery of Maryland to be afforded the opportunity to participate in that event.

Even though we have been limited by the Covid pandemic in our ability to do those things we take for granted as Sir Knights, the Grand Commandery has endeavored to keep our commitment to the practice of the Christian religion.

Nothing exemplifies that commitment more than the participation of Maryland Commanderies in our charity and food bank programs.

It has been gratifying to receive letters from food banks and other charitable institutions thanking our Commanderies for their commitment to their causes. Many have expressed that the need has been extraordinary and our help has been deeply appreciated.

All those who committed to these food bank projects and who expanded their charitable donations into new charities in the past 1½ years should be proud of the results. I ask that the recorders of our Commanderies distribute those thank you letters to their Sir Knights so that they too can read some of the responses to our efforts.

It has been difficult to practice the Christian religion with limited attendance required in churches. It seems that regulations that attempt to control Covid-19 have interfered with those practices.

But we don't need to go to church to pray and we don't need the government for us to help our communities.

Praying and giving to those most in need will keep our Christian religion in our hearts and in our minds in spite of those limitations.

Keep the faith!

Yours in service to Christ and our community,

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