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“What’s in it for me”



Sir Knights, I bring you greetings from My Daughter Rachel and myself. Rachel went through the surgery well. The surgery took 8 hours with her not having any trouble. She wants to thank all of you for your prayers.. I hope all knights and Ladies are all doing well. We have now ended the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. How thankful are we for what He did for us in giving us a way to His Father's house. Please continue to remember we are disciples of Jesus and as such we should all continue to spread His words to all. I hope your conclaves are going well. I have had the opportunity to visit some of the Commanderies the last few months. It is obvious that the layoff has caused us to become less proficient in our tactics in our Commanderies. I hope you all have worked on your rituals to get us back to where we were before the covid-19. Also there are going to be some changes to the grand conclave. I will let you know when it gets finalized. In the meantime, I wish you all to have God's Blessings.

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The world has changed-Hang in there

Staying on top of the world we serve in makes it critical to embrace the technology of today and bring back the Good Ole days. A combination to make us ever strong. Take every chance to stay in touch. , I encourage Commanderies to pick up the phone and let the Knights know they are not forgotten. hold “Virtual” Conclaves, if there are still concerns with the Knights, combine your Face to Face conclave with a virtual side for those shut ins and any who cant make it. Editors note: *If you want to view this supplement in color, simply log onto www.kt-mi.org, select the Grand Encampment link and select “Supplements” you can view this month and many past month editions.*

“Shout it out loud”

Please remember to post your event on the Grand Commandery web site, {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

The Lost Art of Brotherhood

Brotherhood was built into tribes and nomadic cultures in days gone by. Lionel Tiger, literally wrote the book on male bonding, he is quoted saying “Male bonding is a process with biological roots to the establishment of alliances necessary for group defense and hunting.” Why then, have we lost the integral existence of male groups? Is it because we lack need for survival obligation? Truly modern brotherhood is now a lost art relegated to secret societies and dying traditions. The few remaining forms of these brotherhoods are fraternities, Boy Scouts, and church groups. You might also have boyhood friendships that have lasted through adulthood, or built-in brotherhood through close brothers, uncles, or perhaps your father. That is, if you’re lucky. If we don’t have brotherhood built-in, perhaps we must create it. It’s no wonder why movies like *Fight Club* and *300* are so popular. They stir within us an unquenched desire to belong to our own tribe of men that we can call brothers. But can we learn to just deal with surface-level interaction and solitude as men? I wonder? Well maybe then we just need to take the time and make it become a part of society again.

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The Prelates Quill

The long summer days of June allow us to enjoy the many hours of sunshine and light. There are many references to light in the Bible. The first is when God said let there be light, and there was light. The modern day Christian has Jesus as their guiding light. We use his teachings and examples to guide us in a righteous and honorable way of life. These teachings have been passed on from generation to generation. Light has also been synonymous with knowledge as we are enlightened or informed. As well informed Christians we are empowered to help spread the word of Jesus and possibly change lives of people for the good of mankind. When darkness or sadness finds its way into our lives we should remember the words of Jesus as written in John 12:46 “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.” May the spirit of God be with you always.

