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Happy Days Are Here Again!

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

I want to thank all of the Sir Knights who have supported me during my trip though the advancing line. It has been the honor of my lifetime to be your Grand Commander. I look forward to seeing everyone this month at our Annual Conclave in Jefferson City. It has been way too long since we have been together.

As I get ready to ride off into the sunset, I leave knowing that this Grand Commandery is in safe hands with the quality of the Sir Knights in the advancing line. I offer an early congratulations to Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr., our next Grand Commander.

May God bless you one and all.

Christianity - Templary - In Christ's Footsteps!

Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, Grand Commander

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greeting Sir Knights,

Another year has come and gone while we still tread lightly with this COVID-19 pandemic. We are not out of the woods yet. We are still conforming to the Grand Encampment's General Order No. 14 and The 2020-2021 Grand Commandery General Order No. 4 as well as the Edicts of the Grand Lodge of Missouri together with the requirements of the federal, state, and local governments. I believe that most of us are looking forward to a brighter day when we can all meet again in person, confer the Orders, practice the Drill, and have some good old-fashioned fellowship.

If I am elected Grand Commander, then I plan to get out and visit the Commanderies that are at Phase One and Phase Two reopening status as much as I physically can. I really miss visiting with my fellow Sir Knights around the State.

I also plan to encourage the re-creation of Drill Teams and the renewal of Drill Team Practice in preparation for the 2022 Drill Competition Event during next year's Grand Sessions. We really have fun with Drill. One of the first steps to

preparing for Drill is for your Commandery to vote to move up to Phase Two reopening status, so you can hold Drill practice again.

I also plan to continue the Membership Program that Clark started and Charley continued. A very large element of the Membership program was recruitment. All Commanderies should hopefully have candidates who have had to wait for over a year to receive the Orders. They should be eager to get started and we need to be ready to accommodate them. One of the first steps to becoming an active Commandery is to vote to move up to Phase Two reopening status, so the Orders can be conferred again.

Again, if I am elected, I will be issuing a couple of General Orders. The first General Order will continue the Membership Program. The second General Order will essentially continue Charley's current General Order concerning reopening status. It is my hope that all of our Commanderies will vote to move up to Phase Two reopening status. The sooner that we can all get back to being fully functional Commanderies, the better. However, we don't know what the COVID-19 pandemic has in store for us in the future. So, we may have to revert back to either Phase Zero or Phase One.

I am looking forward to a good year as we return to normalcy.

Walking with Christ in a Return to Normalcy!

Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Deputy Grand Commander

THANK THE LORD FOR HAPPY DAYS

Psalms 68:19 (NIV) reminds us, "Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens." Our Lord provides us blessings each and every day, so we can have a happy day. The Lord protects us each day as it says in 2 Corinthians 1:10-11 (NIV), "He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." All it takes is for us to be faithful and to pray to Him for his benefits.

Jesus wanted, for us, all that is good. John 14:27 (NIV) tells us that Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." The love of Jesus is an everlasting joy and bounty. As He said in John 15:11 (NIV), "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." Nothing can disturb our peace. All that is required is faith.

If we but hear the call of God, then happy days will return to us. It is God's desire to bless us if we are willing to simply begin with faithfulness. In the end, He will lead every nation to experience the fulfillment of His promise to Abraham. Do we desire His Kingdom to Come, His Will to be Done? Where do we need to start? Let us celebrate what God is doing in us, around us, and for us each and every day. Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever.