

# OHIO SUPPLEMENT



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As we continue to see most of our Commanderies conduct in-person and hybrid conclaves this spring, with an emphasis on safety, we have received the question from many during our travels, "Are we going to have an in-person Grand Conclave in October?"

The best answer we can give at this time is, "Yes, we plan to receive Sir Knights and guests in person during our 179<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave in Columbus in October but, if there is anything we have learned during this pandemic, it is all plans are subject to change."

As a sign that we plan to conduct as normal an Annual Conclave as possible, we have scheduled a **Drill Captain's Meeting** on Saturday, July 17, at 10:00 AM at the Marysville Masonic Temple. We plan to have drill competition during our Annual Conclave. If we have a well-attended Drill Captain's meeting with a satisfactory number of teams planning to participate, we would all be encouraged! Drill teams need to practice, and we plan to permit that activity at the appropriate time this summer assuming there are no significant setbacks in the recovery from the pandemic.

Our planning committee continues to work on the details regarding our Annual Conclave. We will release the registration information soon.



I am proud that our Commanderies have successfully completed annual inspections this year. Because of the pandemic, we limited inspections to administrative reviews with the option for the Eminent Commander to earn his proficiency certificate by demonstrating command of certain sections of the ritual. I commend the ECs and all Recorders and Treasurers along with our inspecting officers for making this inspection season successful. Thank you for your efforts in this challenging time!

As we move into June, it is time to complete those required reports. Our Recorders should send the following to Al Johnson, our Grand Recorder:

\*Election Returns (preferably by e-mail) no later than 14 days after election. Whether you elect in May or June, send your report ASAP after election, you need not wait until installation.

\*The Annual Return is due with payment no later than July 1. Use the convenient Annual Return form on our website. It takes very little time to complete it on the computer and send the attachments to the Grand Recorder.

**\*The Uniform Audit Report (UAR) DOES NOT GO TO THE GRAND RECORDER!** Once completed, it is sent to your Deputy Division Commander for review no later than July 1. We have had some significant delays in recent years with UARs. PLEASE, call your DDC if you need help! If there are errors on the UAR, it must be returned to the Commandery, which sets us back considerably in the review process.

\*The Report of Civic and Patriotic Activities is also to be sent to your DDC. The deadline is July 15. Granted, with our limitations on in-person activities for most of the Templar year, we expect most Commanderies will have little to report here but, if you do, please turn it in on time.



The 68<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave is scheduled to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., between August 15 and August 18. Ohio will be well-represented, and our leadership is once again recognized by Grand Encampment. Congratulations to Sir Knight Martin R. Trent, Past Grand Commander, on his appointment as Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department. Marty will be installed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. As Sir Knight Gerald G. Pugh's term as Department Commander comes to a close, we thank Jerry for his service and commend him on a job well done. To have back-to-back Department Commanders from Ohio speaks volumes.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS!**

In Knightly Courtesy,  
R. Thomas Starr, KCT, Right Eminent Grand Commander