



## VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT

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Knighly Greetings!

This Chivalric year I wish to concentrate on what I believe are the four core principals of the Knights' Templar Code.

In no particular order, they are: Fraternity, Christianity, Fidelity and Charity.

In order to concentrate, more specifically on each one, I am dividing our Chivalric year into four parts.

FRATERNITY - May, June and July

FIDELITY - August, September and October

CHARITY - November, December and January

CHRISTIANITY - February, March and April

It is my expectation that each District Deputy Grand Commander will develop a program, of their design, in which to have their Districts participate. At the end of each quarter, the DDGCs will submit a detailed report of their District's achievements.

Examples of what I am looking for are as follows:

### Fraternity:

At the very beginning of our Chivalric year, implement the 40 Mile Program as outlined at the last Triennial of The Grand Encampment. True fraternity is not just a "belonging", but a desire to support and encourage our Fraters in all of their desires, goals and indeed trials. Show, in some way, that we care for each other!

### Fidelity:

We have all taken many oaths where we have sworn fidelity, in some way or other. Fidelity is the strict observance of promises and duties where we show a devotion and loyalty. This is perhaps the hardest principal to quantify in a report. However, by being cognizant of the meaning, I am certain we can all observe many examples during a three-month period.

### Charity:

We are one of the most charitable organizations I know of. As well as our usual Templar charities, that we should concentrate on, our charity as Masons extends in all directions. Please report on all charitable occurrences within your District.

### Christianity:

As Knights Templar, this is a true constant in our lives. This principal is listed specifically during our fourth quarter, as it covers the most important event of the Christian calendar - Easter. The incoming Grand Master of the Grand Encampment has stated that there will be only one Easter Sunrise Service during the next Triennial and that will be on the East Coast at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Since this is within our own jurisdiction, I urge all DDGCs to encourage all Sir Knights to attend.

With All Knightly Courtesy,

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Deputy Grand Commander