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Adapting to the unexpected

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One year ago, who would have known our lives would be turned upside down, there would be shortages of food and services, riots over injustice and inequality and senseless violence everywhere? Who could have known our country and the world would come to a screeching halt affecting lives, severing families and friends? Who could have predicted a year later, we would still be working to maintain relationships, meeting in small groups with electronic technology to include those at home, and finding ways and places to accommodate our Orders and complete necessary business?

We may have lost momentum, but we have not lost hope. We may have lost “the way we have always done things,” but we are embracing a new way to live, to communicate and to thrive.

At the time of this article, the bus trip, sadly, is still up in the air. By the time this goes to print, hopefully, there will be decisions made about trips and laying the wreath. We must maintain flexibility and know that when Grand Encampment meets again in our great capitol, we will be there.

Palm Sunday services, also, are dicey at best. Some denominations are still meeting virtually, some face to face. Some, not at all. The Grand Officers and I highly treasure being able to worship together especially during Holy Week. If a Commandery hosts a Knights Templar Palm Sunday service in your area which follows

the in-person meeting guidelines of masks and distancing, please consider attending. Likewise, encourage your fraters to attend, or host an on-line event.

At the time of this article, the plans for an in-person conclave are moving forward. Our venue has assured us (and shown us) they can accommodate the conclave and adhere to state and local guidelines governing in-person meetings.

As we strive to meet and be seen, please remember that General order #6 authorized hybrid meetings to accommodate those at high risk. Please remember hybrid meetings are business meetings only. No Orders or ritual may be conducted by electronic means.

We are working diligently to advance the reopening phases we are in. We ask each Sir Knight to adhere to the guidelines. Wear a face mask, perform frequent hand hygiene, maintain social distancing, and consider being vaccinated.

Until we meet again be safe, hold your family dear, and put on the whole armor of God.

The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.