

Maryland Supplement

Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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My Fellow Sir Knights,

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I hope all is well with you and your families.

Commanderies have been making efforts to communicate with their Sir Knights over the past few months and of course most Commanderies are holding virtual Conclaves on a regular basis. I urge all our Sir Knights to get on board for these virtual meetings. If you haven't received an invite to your Commandery Conclave please contact your Commandery's Recorder or anyone else that you know in your Commandery and let them know you wish to participate.

I have attended several of these meetings and it is very satisfying that our Commanderies are embracing technology and using it to continue to do the business of Templary. And I applaud those who have participated in those virtual meetings.

In gathering info for the yearend report on membership that goes to the Grand Encampment, it has been heartwarming to discover the many charitable initiatives that our Commanderies have been involved with. Not just with Food bank but all types of charities throughout the state.

Recently Deputy Grand Commander Austin and the other dais officers met to discuss and subsequently kick off another initiative to put some of the Grand Commandery's funds to work in our communities. This time we are not talking a matching funds program we are looking for worthy charities that the Grand Commandery can fund in the name of the participating Commandery in local Commandery areas.

This is a good reason to attend your Commandery's virtual meeting so you can have input into this import project.

We are existing and working as an organization by using virtual technology. We conducted a virtual Christmas observance in December that all Sir Knights were invited to, our Annual Conclave was held virtually, and your Grand Commandery officers are meeting virtually on a periodically basis to discuss matters of significance to the Grand Commandery.

We have initiated a task force to present a Good Friday observance to be broadcasted to any Sir Knight that wants to participate. This year the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service, usually held at the George Washington Memorial, will be a virtual celebration, again, broadcasted to any Sir Knight who wishes to attend virtually. Information on both these observances will be sent out prior to the dates of the events

My message is simple. With a lot less effort than you may have to expend coming to an in person conclave, you can be part of these virtual conclaves, celebrations, and observances.

Please join us for all of these events.

Yours in service to Christ,

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