



## Missouri Supplement

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## Get Ready for Spring!

### GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

As this magazine reaches your mailbox, hopefully the cold harsh winter weather will be behind us. I always look forward to March because it is my birthday month and near the middle of the month Spring begins. After months of gray days, leafless trees, and brown grass; we see the start of renewal and the song birds start to return. As I write this article the wind chill outside is about 10 degrees with wind blown sleet and snow. So, yes, I am ready for Spring.

I had hoped that I would be able to make my official visits in person during the Winter and Spring of this year, but it will not be possible to do so and keep everyone safe. I have started doing my visits virtually.

On January 5, 2021, I attended the virtual conclave of Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55. I was received in due form by the Eminent Commander and answered several questions from the Sir Knights present.

On January 25, 2021, I attended the virtual conclave of DeMolay Commandery No. 3. I was received in due form by the Eminent Commander and a very robust question and answer session was held.

Both Commanderies were well attended and followed the 2020-2021 Grand Commandery General Order No. 3 rules for virtual conclaves.

Commanderies that voted in February to move from Phase Zero to Phase One can meet in person this month following the guidelines outlined in my General Order No.3 and Grand Master Nelson's General Order No. 14.

Both General Order No. 3 and General Order No. 14 list several requirements including, but not limited to, wearing face coverings, social distancing, no ritual or orders conferred, no food, and time limits entering and leaving the conclave. They also provide for hybrid conclaves with the Eminent Commander being web cast during the conclave, so that Sir Knights not in attendance can at least view what is going on during the in person conclave. No Sir Knight is to be pressured to attend an in person conclave.

Enjoy the beginning of Spring, Sir Knights, and stay safe.

"Do everything in Love." (1 Corinthians 16:14 NIV)

## Christianity - Templary - In Christ's Footsteps!

Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, Grand Commander

### STAND UP FOR CHRIST

Sir Knights, stand up and profess to be Christians. If you are not willing to stand up for Christ, then what do you really stand for?

Standing up for Christ means professing a belief in Christ and doing what is right in the sight of God.

What could be the cost of standing up for Christ? It could cost us popularity and notoriety with the members of our community who do not believe the way that we do. It could cost us friends who do not believe the way that we do. It could even cost us family members who do not believe the way that we do.

What could be the rewards of standing up for Christ? We could gain eternal life due to our firm belief in Jesus Christ and doing what is right in the sight of God. We could have a better and happier life due to our firm belief in Jesus Christ and doing what is right in the sight of God. Standing up for Christ could lead us to prosperity. Standing up for Christ could open doors for us.

Sir Knights, now more than ever is the time to stand tall and strong for what we believe. We need to strive to live according to the Word of God. We need to reaffirm our foundation by striving to understand the Word of God. When we stand up for Christ, we must imagine going to the foot of His Cross. It will remind us that Jesus Christ died for us. It will remind us that He was buried. And, it will remind us that Jesus Christ rose from the grave on the third day to take His place in Heaven.

Sir Knights, now more than ever is the time for Godly men to stand up for Christ. It is time to stand up with the Word of God against the forces of evil in the world around us. We must stand up for what is right and good. We must not compromise our principles or our faith. Jesus did not go to the Cross in order to sign a compromise. He came to take a stand against evil and sin. He went to the Cross because He would ultimately gain victory over evil and sin. He would have victory over death itself. And, He would grant His true believers freedom from sin and a pathway to Heaven.

Stand up for Christ for He IS Lord!

Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Editor

### MARCH EQUINOX

The March equinox occurs when the northward heading Sun appears to cross the celestial equator. The March equinox is the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the autumnal equinox in the Southern Hemisphere. While there is nothing to see, the vernal equinox will occur on Saturday, March 20th at 4:37 am CST here in Missouri.