

# West Virginia Supplement

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Vincent E. Perry, Right Eminent Grand Commander



From the Office of your Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Sir Knight Vincent E. Perry:

Greetings from your Right Eminent Grand Commander. I trust this supplement finds all well.

Let us get right into the business at hand, I, Vincent E. Perry, Your Right Eminent Grand Commander of the State of West Virginia, do hereby Declare Phase Two under the authority of the Grand Encampment and under General Order 14. Commanderies will be OPENED on or after March 1, 2021, to conduct the business of the individual Commanderies. They must comply with any and all safety measures according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention such as assured clear distancing, face masks, and hand hygiene. This must all be done under the watchful eye of each commander of their commandery.

Under Phase Two there are no restrictions on the number of people at meetings, as long as federal, state, and local restrictions are satisfied. Large venues can operate under limited, physical-distancing protocols. There are no travel restrictions. Vulnerable persons may resume social interactions but should observe precautionary measures. Meals or snacks may be served either before or after stated or special conclaves. There are no restrictions on arrival or departure times. Ritual work associated with the conferral of any of the Commandery

Orders on candidates may resume. Some modifications to procedures will doubtless have to be observed.

Also, I, Vincent E. Perry, Your Right Eminent Grand Commander of the State of West Virginia, do hereby grant dispensation to all Commanderies of the State of West Virginia to elect and install new officers of their commandery, regardless of their bylaws date.

Sir Knights, these times we are living in are trying at best and deadly at worst. Let each Sir Knight take up his sword and remember that we are all soldiers of Christ.

As soldiers, we would do well to remember this passage from Ephesians 6:13-18:

*“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”*

God Bless each and every one of you, is my prayer.

Vincent E. Perry

Right Eminent Grand Commander