

## **Maryland Supplement**

### **Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity**

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### **My Fellow Sir Knights,**

This will be my last supplement as my term of Grand Commander ends on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

In spite of the limitations wrought on us by the Covid pandemic, we were able to accomplish some very positive things in my term as Grand Commander.

We recognized the Prince Hall Knights Templar and hosted a picnic at the Grand Lodge to celebrate that mutual recognition.

Under the supervision of Deputy Grand Commander Austin we reached out to help communities in each Commandery's geographical area throughout Maryland by supporting food banks in those areas. The fallout was not only helping those in dire need but also resulted in additional charitable efforts by both the Grand Commandery and many of our constituent Commanderies.

We celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Commandery of Maryland with a 3day event. On September 11<sup>th</sup> the Grand Commandery conferred the Red Cross and Malta Orders on 25 candidates. We followed that on September 18<sup>th</sup> with our Past Grand Commanders conferring the Order of the Temple in Medieval costume (chain mail, capes, and broad swords) on 22 additional candidates (total 47). On September 17<sup>th</sup>, we held a banquet with a variety of guests including several Prince Hall Sir Knights, George Seghars from the Washington Monument, Did-Atlantic Department Commander James Steele, and many of our distinguished Past Grand Commanders.

We finalized the events with a family style picnic immediately following the Order of the Temple.

These are only 3 highlights from the past two years. Many other achievements can be counted but I'll save that review for our Annual Conclave to be held in Ocean City Maryland on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

I cannot heap enough praise on our Grand Line officers, Commanders, Commandery Recorders, and many, many sir Knights that have come through in supporting the efforts of the Grand Commandery during my term.

While I am disappointed that Covid interfered with many of our plans for November 2019 to October 2021 I must say that it was a great experience to have led the Grand Commandery over that period of time.

*My sincere thanks to all who contributed to the successes that we did have in the past 24 months.*

*Good Luck to our new Grand Commander John Austin and his Grand Line. I wish them and all our Commanderies the best in the years to come.*

**I hope to see all of you in Ocean City where we will install John Austin as Grand Commander along with his new line of officers.**

Yours in service to Christ  
Chuck Warns  
Right Eminent Grand Commander