



## Digital Missouri Supplement

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### Keep Strong In Your Faith!

#### GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

In this time of surging COVID-19, I want everyone to take care of themselves. It is incumbent on all of us to take all of the steps necessary to prevent contracting COVID-19. If you are one of the unfortunate that have contracted COVID-19, then my prayers are with you. I pray that you survive and recover. If you have experienced the tragedy of losing family and friends to COVID-19, then my heart goes out to you. We have lost so many good people to this pandemic.

In the last month or so, I have been able to visit several nearby Commanderies. I know that we are all experiencing the challenges of getting our Commanderies open after being dark for two or three months. We are also struggling to resume conferring the Orders on the candidates that have accumulated during the pandemic.

This month we have an article from our Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman. I hope that you enjoy his article.

#### **Walking with Christ in a Return to Normalcy!**

Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Grand Commander

#### **THE WORD AND THE LIGHT**

"In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone." (John 1:1-4, CEV)

"The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us." (John 1:14, CEV)

When we are in our Commanderies, in our Lodges, and among the world; remember that the Word became a human being and gave Light to everyone. It is through this Light that we can know God and receive undeserved grace.

When you practice for Drill, remember the Word and the Light. When you are doing the work in your Lodges, remember the Word and the Light. When you

are struggling with the vices and superfluities of life, remember that you have the Word and the Light.

No matter what challenges life sends your way, remember that you have the Word and the Light. The Word and the Light are known to be effective in the following circumstances: Global Pandemics, Inflation, Chip Shortages, Shipping Container Availability, Political Vitriol, Societal Struggles, More Global Pandemics, and Everything Else!

Let there be the Word and the Light in your life.

Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Deputy Grand Commander

#### **FAITH IN THE LIGHT**

The gospel in John 1 provides us with a powerful message that we can use every day in our lives. The Word of God is the source of Light for all men. The Light of God helps us to cope with the events around us.

The Light has always existed. It shone in the primeval darkness and it vanquished the darkness. We may try to deny the Light and suppress it. We may try to hang on to the darkness inside us. But, the Light shines out of the darkness that tries to overwhelm it. It conquers the darkness in us and that strong Light gives us hope.

God brought his Light to shine on the World of Men, but the World of Men denied the Light. God gave the World of Men his only son, Jesus, but the World of Men denied Jesus. The World of Men is guilty of nailing the Lord of Glory to the Cross.

However, all is not lost for within the World of Men there are individuals who do not deny the Light, but embrace it and spread it. There are individuals who do not deny Jesus, but love and believe in Him as the Son of God.

All of those individuals who have faith in the Light and in Jesus are worthy to be known as children of God. The Son of God offers to everyone who has faith in the Light of God the authority to be children of God. He give us the authority to be heirs of God and of Jesus. He give us the authority to be free from the slavery of sin and death.

Faith is no profession by someone who agrees to a casual belief in a set of ideas, but who is not truly sincere. Many non-believers support the basic tenants of Christianity, but still they do not have faith. A person who is a true believer whole-heartedly embraces Jesus as his Lord and Savior. To believe is to be born again; to be born from above; to be born of the Spirit.

Though we were born of earthly parents, coming to Jesus is a work of God. It is for the glory of God that we live this life.

As Knights Templar we profess to the World of Men that we are true believers in the Light and that we bear witness to the Light through our faith in Jesus Christ. Forever let your Light shine on the world and have faith.