

## OREGON SUPPLEMENT

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These are the most unsettled times in our lives. Political division, economic uncertainty, concerns about pandemics, and challenges to our faith have become prominent in our lives and our daily discussions. Recently even a challenge to the leadership of our organization has been raised.

Our faith should not be wearied by this turmoil. Our faith is in the promise of our Lord and Savior. We need to react to these turmoil's with dignity, understanding, education, and faith in our creation. These blemishes on our daily lives are not caused or generated by God, but He is with us to survive them.

Give thanks for the Good Government, the first defenders, police, and firemen. Give thanks for the military that has protected us here and abroad. Give thanks for the politicians that have stood up for truth and transparency. Give thanks for the doctors and clinicians that have fought the perils of the pandemic. Give thanks to the nurses and aids that have cared for the sick, and to those that have perished.

Give thanks for those that have made our great fraternity prosper, although it now may slumber, those before us have laid the kindling to a great flame to bring light so all can see.

Never before have we had such an opportunity to provide comfort, guidance, and leadership to this nation as we now have before us. We are Knights, defenders of the faith, and now we are required to console the weary, cloth the naked, and provide alms for the poor.

Originally a few knights led a great challenge to those who preyed upon the pilgrims attempting to visit the sites of the crucifixion and ascension of Christ. These few men clothed in Knightly garb, with dedication and determination, provided security of the pilgrims and confirmation of the power of their faith. Each of us must raise our swords ceremoniously and wield them to protect, defend and lead those in need.

Demonstrate your joy and thankfulness at your city council meetings, and your house and senate hearings. First be informed, become educated in the way things are, and if they are not correct, find an answer, then promote the resolution. Do not cry foul without a resolution. Know your cause; understand the mechanism that drives it. Be aware of the costs as well as the benefits.

We may have sat in our asylums, quietly and patiently tending our meetings, but now the lions are attacking the sheep and the vandals are at the gate. Our cause is just, our swords have remained too long in their scabbards, our treasuries are full and the needs of the people are great.

Lead the path to thanksgiving when each of us must give thanks, and show others the Glory that we have been given. God gave each of us all that we can handle. He sent his son to show us a path. He created our order that we may protect the weak and suffering. He made you a Knight that you may fulfill his vision and provide a future for those not yet seeing. Make every effort to be seen as good Knight and do good to others. Be thankful in all things, joyful as a giver, and protect those in need.

Have a great and wonderful Thanks Giving and look forward to the Joy of Christmas. I am Thankful for the opportunity you have given me.

Your servant in Christ; S.K. Grant Sharp, Grand Commander