



## Washington Supplement

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Greetings Sir Knights:

It is now October and by the time you read this I will have completed Official Visits to five Commanderies, with three more scheduled for October.

Our candidates have been kept in waiting for some time now, and the three York Rite Grand Bodies are taking action which will help clean up this backlog. The Festival is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee, and we encourage Commanderies with candidates in waiting to bring them to Wenatchee. The Chapter and Council degrees will be conferred on October 29<sup>th</sup>, with the Commandery Orders exemplified on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to a very impressive presentation of Degrees and Orders. If you can arrange to attend, I am sure you will find it very enjoyable and informative. The organizers of the Festival and those in charge of the degrees and orders have been working very hard to make this very successful and memorable.

Again, I wish to emphasize to the Sir Knights the importance of education. The symbols employed in our Degrees and Orders are very old and have many layers of meanings. Conferral of the Degrees and Orders can be very impressive, but sometimes the explanations of the philosophy and symbols is superficial. I encourage all to extend their knowledge of the history, philosophy and symbolism of Freemasonry.

I am very much concerned about reliance on electronic media for communications. Although electronics have helped some during

The restrictions of the pandemic, I fear we have left behind a number of members who are not savvy to electronics and/or are not electronically connected. Not sending regular newsletters by mail to all members and widows has resulted in loss of contact with many of our Companions and Sir Knights. This has regrettably resulted in loss of members suspended by NPD. Contact by mail is important as newsletters are read also by the wives who then are aware of the activities and can participate and encourage their husbands to participate. It also helps keep track of members who have moved as the Postal Service can provide address corrections.

Plans will be underway in the near future for organizing a Jurisdiction wide Commandery Christmas observance as was done in 2020. It seemed to be well received, and interest was expressed to continue that as a tradition.

We are looking forward to much more personal interaction with the relaxation of restrictions imposed during the pandemic.

I wish all the best for our Sir Knights and their families.

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