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We have just finished with Masonic year 2021. Some of it has been very good and other parts of it have been very unusual. From my perspective, I have lost several friends to Covid 19. This has been something that I would never have expected three years ago. But life must go on and we will continue to have faith that this shall pass, and better times will once again be with us.

I have attended very little outside activities this past year, Church has been mostly via Zoom and other meetings have been also. We are better at social distancing and wearing a mask wherever we go. But, I miss the personal contact with others, that has caused us to improve and change our methods of communication. Which for some of us may have been an improvement!

What will the year 2022 be like, maybe some of the same as last year. I know that I have become more cautious about where I go and what I do. I continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated and also get your Booster shot, it is very important. I can

remember living through all the childhood diseases of the forties and fifties, including Polio which caused a loss of some of my friends

The York Rite needs to do a better job of encouraging our membership to take care of themselves in all respects of living. I know that I will try to do my part if and when I can travel to the various Lodges again, and I feel safe doing it.

I ask all Sir Knights to pray for guidance and an end to this Pandemic. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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It's a new year! Do you have any New Year's resolutions? What about goals for your Commandery? Now is a perfect time to get together and come up with some goals for your Commandery. Some helpful suggestions:

- Plan for a Christmas Observance in December. It seems a long way away but establishing clear goals will allow your members to look forward to something.
- Re-establish your meetings if you are not meeting. Some Commanderies have problems getting together. Set a day of the month and show up. It takes a small step to get things going again.
- Plan a social activity. Being together with your fellow Sir Knights should be a joy. Maybe it is that thing you're now missing in your life.

COVID-19 has hindered a lot of our activities and keeps us from seeing each other more frequently. No matter your opinion on the pandemic, there is one constant that we must all be aware.

Time is still ticking and the time we choose to be away from each other is time we cannot get back. Time is short from some of us, so let us put more value in the time we have and make it a priority to meet with our fellow Sir Knights.

Your Editor