



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



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Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights,

I am a firm believer that simplicity is the most effective means to communicate directives, orders, or operating procedures. As you, I have read, heard, and discussed much concerning this virus. After a few days of consideration and thought, the following are my conclusions from this much appreciated and well-intended input.

- 1) As an Indiana Master Mason I support our Grand Master 100%. Second guessing is weak and of no interest to me. The Grand Master has determined that Lodge buildings are closed. No further explanation is needed in regards to holding Stated Conclaves or Orders. The health and welfare of the membership is paramount.
- 2) The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment has stopped all air travel by his officers until the end of May, at which time it will be reviewed. All Easter Sunrise Services are cancelled.
- 3) The Grand Conclave scheduled for April 23, 24, and 25 is still to be determined. Grand Encampment has given the option of holding the Conclave via video conferencing. I find this unacceptable. In my opinion, the Sir Knights of Indiana have a right to attend their Conclave in person. Past Grand Commander and Past Department Commander Larry Brown will be meeting with representatives from the hotel in Muncie to see what options, if any, are available to us. That may be the current Conclave dates, or some date in the near future. As soon as I know you will be advised.

My suggestion is that we all take a step back, take a deep breath, and be the leaders that we were chosen to be. This is Masonry and yes, it is important to all of us. But it is not about feeding your family, paying your mortgage, or seeing that your children have shoes. It will all work out.

Given under my hand and seal this 16 day of March, A.D. 2020, A.O. 902.

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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