



## IOWA SUPPLEMENT

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Sir Knights:

As of this writing we're still trying to figure out when we will be able to go back to having in-person meetings, Conferrals and public appearances. I know I sound like a broken record, but this is very frustrating, especially considering other bodies around the state and country have begun assembling.

I am hopeful that we will be able to begin very soon, and we will be asking Grand Master Nelson for permission to confer the three Orders for the fall festival in October in Des Moines.

At this time I am planning on forming a group of Sir Knights to present the colors at the Grand Lodge of Iowa's annual communication on September 17 in Sioux City. Any help will be appreciated and I will be reaching out to the Sir Knights of Iowa to represent the Grand Commandery well. I hope to have a good turnout for this event. And hopefully everyone's uniforms still fit after being in the dark closet since March!

Recently I had the opportunity to install the officers of Altoona Chapter Order of DeMolay, in particular my younger son as Master Councilor. This was a great honor I was proud to take part in! But this also goes to show you that even though we can't meet as an organization per se, there are opportunities to be public as Sir Knights. I am hopeful that Grand Lodge will present another opportunity.

We can, however, "attend" other Grand Conclaves within our Department. The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota has scheduled their annual Conclave for September 19 at 10:00 AM. It will be virtual via Zoom. Please reach out to me or Grand Recorder Hill if you need registration information.

Although the 2021 Holy Land Pilgrimage has been canceled by the tour operator, we can be looking at qualified ministers for the 2022 trip. This is a great opportunity to help elevate the teachings

of these ministers by affording them the opportunity to walk in Jesus' footsteps. Every minister I have spoken with who has returned from these trips has been deeply impressed and positively influenced by this trip.

Sir Knights, I know this is especially trying for us to be waiting to "get back to it," but as we anxiously await a return to normalcy, let us be reminded of the patience Jesus had while on earth, dealing with mere mortals who did not understand who He was or what His teachings were about. His followers back then could not possibly begin to grasp what was going to happen, and what God's plan was. And I would wager that even we today still have limited understanding of God's plan. Human nature desires for us to know what's next, when it's going to happen, and that the outcome will be acceptable for us. And an impatient person such as myself even more so! However, we must continue to trust in God's plan. And the one thing we know for certain is, amid all the trials and vicissitudes incident to human life, a firm reliance on the divine truth contained in the Holy Bible can alone afford us that consolation and peace of mind that the world can neither give nor take away. And GOD WINS.

Until we meet again in person, I remain

In His Service,

Chris Beard, Grand Commander