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**COMENTS FROM THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN**

SK E.: John T. Turner

My fellow Knights,

Welcome to our first virtual presentation of the magazine insert, I hope that you will all continue to seek out the latest information from around the state.

I hope that this year has found you all well. It has been great to be back in our Blue Lodges and Commanderies after such a long break. While it seems that the worst of the pandemic may be behind us, I hope that you will all continue to be vigilant in protecting our brethren and family's who may still be at risk. While it is true that our Fraternity is now meeting normally again, we still have much work to do.

Like myself, many of you may have noticed a decline in attendance at our meetings. Our organization cannot survive if we are unable to maintain our membership and participation. Many of you may know of some members who used to attend regularly but no longer show up. Take a moment out of your day this month to contact them and invite them back, or make sure that they are not in distress. In addition to bringing back our old members now is also the time to be thinking about bringing in new members.

This month will be our annual Grand Masters Festival, and this will be an excellent opportunity to bring in fresh members who are eager to participate in our work. If this is short notice for some it is never to late to start recruiting for the next opportunity. Attendance at our lodges is essential for finding new members as these brothers already know us and know what kind of men we are.

Our district meetings are also a great place to talk to other Brothers about the York Rite. Wherever you chose to talk to others about the Rite is up to you, but it is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that we are keeping the York Rite alive in this trying time.



The Grand Commander R.:E.: Robert R. Rolseth presenting a check to the Order of DeMolay



Ceremony of passing the Knight Templar Sword hand to hand from the Grand Secretary through past recipients and Grand Officers of the Oklahoma York Rite to the Honored DeMolay.



The Grand Commander R.:E.: Robert R. Rolseth presenting the Knight Templar Sword to honor DeMolay Haden Duran for his service to the Order of DeMolay