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Greetings, Sir Knights and Ladies,

Welcome to the July 2024 Ohio Supplement to the Knights Templar Magazine!

Hebrews 12:11 says “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Seems appropriately applicable scripture this month as I am writing this article just as it’s due. And it is truly a chore this month for some reason, one that is taking a lot of discipline to just sit down and get to it. So, here goes.

Even though most of our Masonic Bodies go dark in July and August, the Grand Commandery is still active. At least the Grand Commander – and his Lady – are.

In early June, we opted to travel to New Orleans for the Grotto International convention. That was a lot of fun, though I confess we went primarily because New Orleans was on our bucket list as a place to visit, and the deal for hotel and parking was just too good to pass up. But was it ever hot!

Last week Debbie and I visited the Grand Session for Ohio Job’s Daughters. Other than the long drive to and from the far corner of Ohio, it was a great evening. And a learning experience, as neither of us had any experience with Job’s Daughters (there is no Bethel near us.) Their Grand Officer selection process was very interesting, different from any I had seen before. The girls were all having a great time, which is what it’s all about – building those life-long bonds of friendships.

Later this week we will be attending the Grand Assembly for Ohio Rainbow. As we are [Charter] Board Members for the Huber Heights Chapter, we are a bit more familiar with them. Looking forward to the adventure as we hadn’t attended a Grand Assembly for Rainbow either.

Sadly, I have to get the Deputy Grand Commander to represent me at Ohio DeMolay, as they moved their date to that of Illinois Grand Commandery. I wish them all the best; we had a great time with them last year. [There’s no such thing as schedule conflicts in Masonry, is there?]

July 13th will be the Drill Captains meeting at Marysville Masonic Temple. Hoping the number of teams increases this year – and gets closer to the pre-COVID number. I have been promoting drill during my visits, trying to regain the enthusiasm that once was. One of the drill schedules for Asylum Drills we use in Ohio is very similar to the Full Form Opening. If more Sir Knights competed in that, the Full Form conferrals would be marvelous. Not to mention the camaraderie that develops amongst team members from getting together to practice – which is what it’s really all about.

That day will also be our Grand Family meetings, after lunch. Excited to hear status of projects and activities of our Commanderies, as we look forward to growing our 'brand'.

July is also the next adventure on our travels, as the Illinois Grand Commandery session will be the 26th. Looking forward to seeing our friend installed as Grand Commander. At the East Central Department Conference a couple years back, I looked at the list of Grand Officers in the Department and saw that one was from the town of Oquawka, IL. Oquawka is a very small village of about 1,300 on the Mississippi River. About an hour up-river from where I grew up. And, coincidentally, my older sister lived there for many years, so I had spent many a summer there. Small world, indeed.

Wherever your Travels take you, stay safe!

Who are we? WE ARE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR!

Courteously,

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