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### MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND COMMANDER

Greetings Sir Knights!

I hope you and your family are all staying healthy. On February 11, I issued an Order to move all Commanderies to Phase 1 per Grand Encampment General Order #14 and the Reopening 2021 Safety Protocols (these are available on the Grand Encampment web page). I attended the Perpetual Membership Meeting February 8th and was surprised to hear there were only 48 that have taken advantage of the program. With escalating costs, it will pay for itself in a few years and better yet after I'm gone it will continue to help my York Rite bodies. I've attended all the Finance meetings this year and our Finance Committee and Grand York Rite Secretary/Recorder are doing a great job.

In 2027, our Grand Chapter building will be 100 years old. The last building renovation was in 1969. The roof repairs were \$86,000 and the heating and ventilation system is ancient. Now with membership declining and building maintenance increasing, a plea for donations is being made. We also need to continue to build our membership to survive. There's less than 10 percent of our lodge brothers that are York Rite Masons.

Don't forget to register for the Easter Sunrise Service April 4th at 11:00. The printed copy of the Knight Templar booklet has become very costly and it won't be long before it's no longer being printed. With this being the electronic or digital age it's available by app on your smart phone (see last month's article) or the Grand Encampment has all issues available for reading or downloading and the Georgia web page has the State supplements.

Again, the Angel of Death has called two of our faithful Sir Knights; Drewey William (DW) Hendry February 3, 2021 MEPGHP 2008 and REPGC 2017. James "Pete" Bentley Jr. February 20, 2021 REPGC 2001 and MIPGM 2009. So while upon bended knees, pray for their families and the others not mentioned.

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Greetings, Brethren!

To borrow from someone much more eloquent than me, "The collaborative, collective, and harmonious efforts by the leaders of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter from 1924 through 1926 resulted in this magnificent Masonic Temple rising like a phoenix at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon Georgia." Since 1926, when the Masonic cornerstone was dedicated, Georgia Masons have called the building on the corner of Mulberry Street and New Street home. This magnificent edifice has housed the administrative offices of our Grand Lodge of Georgia, as well as the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia since its consecration. The building has also been used to serve as the state headquarters for many of our local, state, national and international Masonic charities. Ministries that you know as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Royal Arch Research Assistance, Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation, Mollie S. Mosley Eye Foundation Trust, the Georgia Child Identification Program (GACHIP), and more. For many years, our Annual Grand Lodge Communications were held here. Even today, many of our statewide appendant, dependent and concordant Masonic bodies hold their meetings in our beautiful and timeless auditorium.

For nearly a century, the Grand Lodge of Georgia and the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia have maintained a successful and integrated relationship in ensuring that this beacon of Masonic Light will be here for future generations of our Masonic brethren to enjoy.

Brethren, we need your help. The years have taken a toll on this Grand Old Building. We have many needed repairs with only limited resources. In 2020, we replaced the roof, addressed flooding issues in the shared library, repaired the HVAC system and more.

The Trustees are asking for your surplus pennies to aid us in covering the costs of these repairs. Any love offering from individuals and/or Masonic bodies would be appreciated. If each Master Mason, Chapter, Council, Commandery, and Lodge would make a love offering our building repair coffers would be replenished for the foreseeable future.

So, help if you feel led to do so. If you can send a dollar, send a dollar. If you can send more, please do so. Regardless of what you send, it is your Masonic headquarters.

Finally, your contributions are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt indicating the amount of your donation.

Fraternally,

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