

## Delaware Supplement

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Sir Knights,

How have you been doing with the hour of devotion challenge?

Again, as with life I am met with the challenges of striving for that daily hour. Still I believe it is a worth while challenge that I am continuing to pursue. Even though I have not yet attained the 40 consecutive days, the attempt has brought me greater understanding of scripture and brought me closer to our Lord, I hope your endeavors prove similar.

August is now upon us, I pray your Independence Day, was both fun filled and reflective. First a small confession as I write these supplements, it is normally six weeks in advance of the publication, therefore my magic crystal ball usually cannot perceive the future outside of scheduled events, and as a result, many things come to pass that should be noted that go unnoted, many triumphs and tragedies go unnoticed in this supplement. This brings me to a point that should be mentioned and thought out, this month is perhaps one of the darkest in the Masonic year. Most Lodges are dark as are Council and Chapters, even some Commanderies go dark in these summer months. Granted a needed break from the many meetings, even a vacation or two. This is well and good, however our individual Brothers may be in need of fellowship in these times, as for many of our fratres/brothers this is all they have, and they might be alone in their thoughts, and in their hearts and in their souls. We need to check in with these brothers from time to time, as we should as Christian Knights check in on anyone who might be in the same state.

This could mean a simple check in with crazy Aunt Maud. You might not be able to stand her, but is she not worth an hour of your time? Or perhaps the recluse hermitlike guy that lives down the street, Sometimes, just sometime simple acknowledgement can indeed save somebodies life, and it could forge a new friendship.

Now looking forward, the opening of the New Masonic year is about to kick off. Schools are going back in session and the plethora of meetings will begin to accumulate on our calendars. Now is the time to start paying attention to what is happening and to set your schedules and update you phone and email lists. Never forget your family comes first but be sure to inform your officers of what you need to do in a timely fashion, it's only fair.

So, in conclusion, enjoy the waning days of summer, be careful, and check in with those who might be suffering in silence.

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