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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - AUGUST 2018 Sir Knight Glen Melvin Cunningham



Greetings Sir Knights,

Two hundred and fifty or so years ago in this country, the ideals of courage, honor, chivalry, charity and kindness defined what was considered by society to be a gentleman. This was a common perception held by most and upheld by those who claimed entitlement to the name 'Sir' or 'Knight'. Today those concepts are foreign to too many and often considered antiquated or quaint by most of society. Yet have the ideals themselves

changed in concept or purpose? I say not. Without courage and honor where can justice be found, where is personal accountability? Where is trustworthiness? Without chivalry, where is courtesy to others, consideration for the helpless and weak, the downtrodden and outcast? Who will be their defender? Without charity and kindness how may we fulfill the command of our Savior who charged us *"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."* How, today, does this apply to us? We wear no armor, carry no weapon. What shall we do? Well for starters the above is incorrect. St. Paul told us to put on the full armor of God.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (14) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (16) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able

to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. (17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (18) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Let us do so as Christian Knights, as Masons. Thereby fulfilling our obligations to be defenders of destitute widows, innocent maidens, helpless orphans and the Christian religion.

Easily said, I know. Not so easy to do in a world where most cannot be troubled to follow the teachings of our beloved Savior, where sensationalism, hedonism and personal convenience are the *raison d'etre*. Yet I encourage you sir knights to be true to your vows; be the light that shines in the darkness for we live in times where it is sorely needed. If the above quote ever applied in a more universal manner, I don't know when. Now is the time! You are the light! Put on the armor and go forth and shine brightly.

May God bless you always!
Glen

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A Message from the Grand Prelate The Reverend and Sir Knight Matthew J. Wissell

Sir Knights,

I trust that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation this summer. It is important that we take some time to allow our spirits to refresh themselves. If we allow ourselves to grow weary, we will not be our best selves. It is for that reason that God intended for us to Sabbath. We need to be on top of our game as we prepare to knight new candidates this upcoming season. So have fun this summer and I look forward to greeting you very soon.

In His Service,
Matt

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