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Adieu

Sir Knights, it seems like yesterday that I was writing my first one of these supplements; now I am writing my last. This last Templar year was certainly not what I had planned for over the past several years in the line. In fairness, 2020 was not what anyone planned for anything. Nevertheless, despite the best laid plans, life marches on.

We weren't able to address many of the goals I had for Idaho Templary. I wasn't able to visit any of the Idaho Commanderies in person officially due to COVID-19 restrictions, nor was any Commandery able to stand inspection or induct anyone this year. We only recently were able to resume meeting in person.

There are positive things about the year, though. I was able to meet with most Commanderies in Idaho via virtual meetings. The virtual Christmas Observance, while different, was a success. At least half of our Commanderies have candidates in progress for the orders. And as of this writing, half of our Commanderies are now 100% life sponsors in the Eye Foundation.

And now, we look to the future. A hearty congratulations to SK George J. White, Jr., KTCH, KCT, OWS, on his election and installation as Grand Commander of this great state! I am proud to call SK George one of my closest friends and I know that we will all grow and improve under his leadership. I wish you and your officers all the best in the coming year, my good friend!

Thank you to all of the Sir Knights of the jurisdiction for your confidence in me this past year. While different, we did accomplish some good things. Thank you to all of the men who served as officers and committee members for the Grand Commandery this past year. And thank you to my fellow Sir Knights in Twin Falls Commandery for your support. None of the good things we do would be at all possible without the capable help of all of you.

Thank you to SK Anthony Such for appointing me to my very first Grand Commandery post, Grand Prelate. I had no inkling then where this would end up. Thank you to SK Richard L. Rowe for not only appointing me to the line as Grand Warder, but for being my constant friend and sounding board for all manner of crazy ideas.

Thank you to SK Barry E. Newell for serving as supplement editor this past year, as well as one of my closest advisors. Masonry in Idaho is stronger for your efforts; I wish we had a few more with your zeal and insight. Thank you to SK Norman C. Lane, Grand Recorder, for putting up with all my demands, but more importantly, for your quiet and capable devotion to the growth of York Rite Masonry. You truly are a gem in the Gem State; I'm so thankful we stole you away from Colorado.

Lastly, thank you to my family and my special lady, Amanda, for all of the years of love and support. I cannot express what you mean to me, and I couldn't do anything without you backing me up.

This truly has been the adventure of a lifetime. Thanks for allowing me the privilege.

May God Bless All of You!

Courteously,

Jeremy C. Vaughn
Grand Commander 2020-2021