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TO: All Grand Commandery Officers, Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Eminent Commander CE Alexander, District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of Local Commanderies.

Greeting!

I pray this communication finds you and your family safe and healthy during this COVID-19 Pandemic. It is my hope that we're all taking the necessary precautions to ensure our safety and that of our love ones. *Given the current State of our country and jurisdiction of Georgia; by the powers vested in me as the Most Eminent Grand Commander of John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Masons, Jurisdiction of Georgia. The 2021 York Rite Session to be held in Valdosta, GA is **CANCELLED**, effective immediately. This has been agreed upon by all GA. York Grand Bodies to include the KYCH & PYCH. The 2022 York Rite Session is being scheduled and will be led by the Holy Royal Arch Masons & the Heroines of Jericho is in the rotation. Be on the lookout for more information for the 2022 Session. It doesn't matter who is the host, we all will have our own sessions to get thru. Remember it's not where you sit, but how you serve! "Loyalty Check" "There is something wrong with your character if an opportunity changes your loyalty" Let that sink in!*

While we know this decision is disappointing, we also know that is it the most appropriate, given the State of our Nation and for the protection and safety of our jurisdiction and its members. Although the Governor Brian Kemp and President Joe Biden has removed mask restrictions and open up establishments throughout the state of Georgia and around the country. Let's not get complacence and let your guards down. We have loss many of our brothers and sisters in this jurisdiction from COVID-19 or a love one. Right now the CDC is reporting that Georgia is about 31.05% vaccinated. But we the people of color are only at 29% vaccinated and that's not a safe number for us to gather for this 2021 Session. Please continue to practice social distances and continue to wear your masks.

John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery Taxes 2021: At this time all meetings are still canceled until further notification. It is very important that all Deputies and Eminent Commanders of every

Commanderies are doing wellness check on every member on your rolls. I pray that all members are able to pay their dues your Commanderies and all Commanderies are expected to pay their 2021 taxes by 30 Jun 2021. Last year we extended the date for taxes to be paid out to September. This year we must stay on track and stay in the guidelines of the John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery By-laws. Please ensure your taxes are mailed out with the report and your funds to:

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John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery KT Medallion Fundraiser: Sir Knights during our Virtual Zoom KT Workshop Meeting in March 21 we vote to buy and support the KT Medallion Fundraiser by purchasing 100 Medallions and sell them at \$20 each. First of all let me thank Deputy Grand Eminent Commander CE Alexander for his vision and designing of our beautiful medallion which will be added to our Uniform SOP by PEC Zack Mitchell and it is authorized to be worn with all KT Uniforms. Secondly I like to thank Deputy Jere Hawkins for taking on the task of order, receiving, shipping and receiving payments form Commanderies or from individual knights. As of today we have received well over \$1500 for the first 100 medallions. We have purchased another 100 medallions and hoping and expected that all sir knights will purchase a medallion to support the Grand Commandery and so some Es Spirit De Corp with translate to “ the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard the honor of the group. Before I forget sir knights our workshop was one of the best I’ve seen and I like to thank all the sir knights that gave instructions during the workshop.

Lastly, I encourage the membership to adhere to the directives of our public health officials and state government. Sir Knights lets pray for and not forget the sir knights that we loss in 2020 & 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this communication, please feel free to contact me. In closing, continue to remain safe and reach out to our senior members and let them know you’re thinking about them. Only with the blessing of our Lord Jesus the Christ and our care for each other we will get through this Pandemic!

“Learn to love without condition. Talk without bad intention. Give without any reason. And most of all, care without any expectation.” - Unknown

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Under The Steel Cross

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