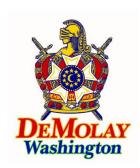


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Please share your DeMolay EXPERIENCE...

You are one of the key leaders in your Chapter! We need you to share the information here with the Members and Advisors of your Chapter. It is our desire to ensure frequent communications are taking place throughout the jurisdiction. Thank you for your efforts in accomplishing this important mission. If you have feedback please share it with us at any of the options at the bottom of this email and we will endeavor to make it happen.



Special Announcement From Our EO Please read regarding Conclave 2020...

Greetings one and all,

It is a time like this the statement from Michael Scott (Season 5) rings true -

"Sometimes I'll start a sentence and I don't even know where it's going.

I just hope I find it along the way."

This is how our brains work when trying to compose a message needing to be delivered but not sure how to say it when there is no clear roadmap to the destination.

I am tired of hearing "we live in unprecedented times". We all want some sort of normalcy to return. The uncertainty of what will happen next is wearing on all of us. The one thing I stand resolute on is our brotherhood, our family and friends, our values and the experiences we have together. They have never diminished and will grow stronger and deeper as we move forward.

Every organization has had to cancel, postpone, and jump through hoops with planned events, and at some point, we will all gather again. We are sure you are thinking – what about Conclave/Convention? How's that going to work? When will it happen and what can we do when we get there?

Where we stand today, Great Wolf Lodge is closed across the country until May 19th. We have been working with them on options and there are not many. **Collectively we have cancelled our contract for April 23-26th.** They have submitted new proposals for April 2021, 2022, and 2023 and we have negotiated pricing that works and more than likely will sign in the next few days.

But what about 2020? There is no manual to refer to or history we can learn from. However, as a wise mentor taught us – there are no problems, only opportunities to create new experiences we will talk about forever.

I assure you as Executive Officer on April 25th we will transfer our leadership to a new State Master Councilor who is learning to adapt his programs and plans on the fly. In the near future we will hold an election of State Officers, have a Grand Banquet, celebrate the accomplishments of 2019-2020 year, and find some awesome fun along the way.

Currently, your Convention Director and Staff are cleaning up what was going to happen in April and are creating plans for a modified Convention the first weekend in August packed with excitement and energy. Great Wolf already has other commitments and we have begun the search for a location that will meet our needs. Our goal is to have a one, two, or three-day event full of Entertainment, Fun, Brotherhood, a little Business, Installation, Banquet, Dance, and overnight accommodations for approx. \$100 to \$150. We have no further details to disclose today, but rest assured as soon as we do, you will be the first to know.

As for refunds we are working feverishly to create options for you. Perhaps moving your payment to August or next April, returning a portion and leaving a deposit, or a total refund. As soon as those financial options are developed, we will get those details to you.

This is a difficult time for all of us in Washington and around the world, and we support and encourage you to remain strong... together. We look forward to when we can shake hands, hug, and gather... together. Please be an inspiration to each other, share who you are, how you are feeling, and how much family and friends mean to you. We are a brotherhood that stands for more... together.

Dad Jeff Brunson Mom Allison Luedke
Executive Officer Convention Director

"And I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do." – Michael Scott (Season 5)

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