

Greetings:

IN WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, I WANT TO SHARE A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL AASR NJ (PHA).

AS WE FACE THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THOSE TRUTHS THAT GUIDE OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

WHILE EACH OF US WILL DETERMINE WHAT THOSE TRUTHS ARE, I HAVE BEEN DEDICATING MYSELF TO SELF REFLECTION ON WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN MY LIFE. AS I REFLECT ON THE REALIZATION OF MY OWN MORTALITY, MY ANSWER HAS BEEN FOUND IN PRAYER.

I FIND COMFORT IN THE FACT “THAT WE HAVE NOT A HIGH PRIEST WHICH CANNOT BE TOUCHED BY THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES; BUT IN ALL POINTS WERE TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN. AND WE CAN THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED”.

IT IS THIS BLESSED ASSURANCE THAT SUSTAINS ME AND KEEPS ME PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

OUR NATION AND OUR ORDER HAVE FACED MANY CHALLENGES IN THE PAST THAT HAVE FORGED OUR ROUGH ASHLAR INTO A MORE PERFECT STONE BETTER FIT FOR THE BUILDERS USE. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THIS PANDEMIC WILL END, WE DO KNOW THAT IF WE BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING, IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP IF WE FAINT NOT. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO LOVE, PROTECT AND COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND OTHERS WHO MAY NEED TO HEAR A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

REMEMBER, THEY THAT DWELL IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY.

UNITED IN SERVICE AND COMMITMENT DEDICATED TO ACTION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE RESULTS.

YOURS IN THE RITE

Once again, thanks!!

Fraternally Yours in the Rite,

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Sovereign Grand Commander