

As was mentioned by MIPGM John Pickford in the 2020 proceedings, 2020 was the first time since 1945 the annual assembly of the council of royal and select masters was not convened. The reason for this was due to the covid-19 pandemic and the quarantine necessary for the general welfare of all. In lieu of the regular meeting a virtual meeting was held on May 16, 2020.

This year, thanks to the miracle of modern medicine, vaccines having been developed as well as guidelines such as wearing of masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizer stations, we are now able to meet.

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In order to conduct district meetings in a safe manner, it was decided to have 3 zone meetings and 2 district meetings. I conducted meetings in districts 9 and 10 and a north Florida zone consisting of districts 5, 7 and 8. RI Allen Sorbie and RI Gene Lance then conducted zone meetings consisting of districts 1 – 4 and 6. These meetings were conducted in an open format to encourage the companions to participate. The main topics shared by all meetings was more education and proficiency in the ritual.

There were several festivals of which I attended 2. The work in those I attended was outstanding. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the festival in Tampa in March .

The Keith W. Dean competition was not conducted this year, hopefully, as restrictions diminish we can resume this competition.

Our flagship charity, cryptic masons medical research foundation under the guidance of MIPGM Dayle Schrock had another great year. I thank all the DDGMS for working hard and selling the bow ties and all those who contributed to this charity. Our support always shows that Florida is one of the best in the country.

As we heal from the woes and illnesses of the past year, i believe we as an organization and as a country will rebound. It is through teamwork, encouragement and perseverance that this will happen.

To paraphrase Napoleon Hill: those who conceive and believe will achieve.

Respectfully submitted

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