

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you all well and practicing safe associating with each other and your neighbors. The good news is some restrictions are being lifted, the bad news is more people will be out and about and the chance of spreading this virus is greater. Please take every precaution.

Kathie and I took advantage of the US Forest service opening for day use and went up on the mountain north of Las Vegas. When I'm feeling tied down, pressed on, crowded, I follow the words of the Psalmist, "I look to the mountains(hills) from which comes my strength. My strength comes from God". For me, as for many, the high places provide the quiet, the solitude, to think, organize thoughts, to contemplate God's wonders and to come away refreshed, renewed. Each of us has a place where we can retreat and Listen to God's voice within us then to come back and act in a way more pleasing to ourselves, our neighbors and our God. Find that place and listen with your soul. You will find yourself more whole and ready to face whatever this world throws at us.

My time on the mountain, though short, listening to the wind in the pines and firs, water melting from the snowbanks, the water rushing over the rocks, and the new growth pushing up through the soil brought forth the promise of new life, new beginnings and the abundance of God's promise.

I am confident that in a short time we will again meet in our chapters and lodges. I have faith that by October we will have Grand Chapter. I pray that before that we can meet at Bonita Hollow and have campout. Soon the Grand Chapter officers, both elected and appointed are going to meet on Zoom to discuss plans and the campout committee has been instructed to put together a tentative schedule.

Until that time, keep up the good work in your chapters and communities, stay safe, and keep us all in your prayers.

Until we meet again.
Don Sultemeier WGP

