

Connecticut College Chief Adept's Missal for 2020

“A JOURNEY HALF TAKEN, RESUMES”

My Dear Fratres Wheresoever Dispersed, Greetings from CT College.....

It is without question that we have been forced by nature to take a path not of our original choosing but created for us by some Divine re-alignment, which up until then was unforeseen in all its manifestations. For our 2019-20 year we had completed three of our four regular gatherings and were well on our way through our plans of instruction, papers and examinations into more mysteries of the universe, when all of society was dealt a sudden and difficult blow. We slid from one reality into another, where every day has some new wrinkle dreamed up for our safety but with more rules.

We had completed our February meeting in good order, but being at the front end of this COVID, tried to defer what we could as spring held our usual array of annual gatherings, only to have all things Masonic or not, crumble and be cancelled, even churches. Dispensations from our “Grands” piled up for “virtual” settings on-line, and while we could see each other and discuss our situations, could not perform anything “in person”, and still cannot as methods and preventives continue to be worked out.

Our usual annual SRICF meeting for April also became a victim, and our first scheduled meeting for September (9-19) was arranged to clear the slate and start anew, albeit “virtual” as well with rubrics simplified and adapted for the task at hand. There is some lemonade to come from all this...”virtual” gives us a platform for attendance by Fratres who would otherwise have to dress up and drive. (We had two out-of-stater’s and one in assisted living we had not seen in some time.) This also affords us a forum for papers and presentations for private study and reflection. We also by our COVID segregations, have not incurred any infections or losses. I do expect we will remain in a “virtual” mode, and we will be looking at “work arounds” primarily for our two candidates in the wings and hopefully return soon to in-gatherings as Lodges and other bodies get their legs back underneath them. And we anticipate much the same for our High Council in November.

In conclusion, while our journey remains dark at times, it is but a temporal malady, through which the Divine Hand of Light Eternal continues to comfort and guide us. We pray that all our future actions will be acceptable in Thy Sight and meditations of our hearts cement us ever stronger together. Let us suffer our hearts to show our love of Him in the Holy Trinity, our compassion for our fellow man, and thanks for the joy of having been chosen His beacons, not to hide under a basket, but shine into His universe.

May the grace of our Blessed Lord and Savior continue to be with us all, now and forever more, and give us His peace.

Amen. Amen



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“Ad Astra per Aspera”