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Spring Message to the Orient 2024

Life has many changes and love is a part of all the changes.

Four years ago, all of us were surprised by a global pandemic. Many of us lost friends and family members we loved.

Three years ago, we were beginning to climb our way out of isolation. We were getting vaccinations, wearing masks, and trying to put the pandemic in our rear-view mirror, loving our slow but certain progress.

Two years ago, our members were making their way back to some sense of regular meeting practices making friendship, morality, and brotherly love actual in human contact!

Last year, with variants of the virus still lingering, we loved feeling normal again as one hundred new Masters of the Royal Secret passed through our doors!

Life has many changes. Do you remember yours?

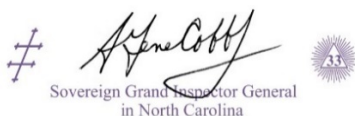
During the last four years, I retired from 45 years of ministry that I loved. Brenda and I assisted her mother, who we love, entering assisted living. We were crushed as we buried one of our children. We loved the arrival of a grandson and most recently, we loved healing after our own strand of Covid 19. I love serving as your Scottish Rite leader in North Carolina with the best team of leaders any Deputy or SGIG could have.

As we enter this season of remembrance, let it also be one of renewal. In fact, you will soon be celebrating this ceremony in your Valley and some of us will witness it in Washington D. C. Remember that change is an opportunity to remember our past and renew our hope for the future.

I remember and am renewed by the second stanza of a 1969 Kurt Kaiser hymn we sang in church.

What a wondrous time is Spring when all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love! Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

Brethren, love is part of change. Pass it on!



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