

October Patriotic Instruction

Brothers,

As another month in this historic year passes, we find ourselves being presented, as Americans, with even more challenges. With these unprecedented times, it is important for us to come together as Brothers and Americans, regardless of our differences. We are entering another month of dealing with a health crisis that has caused hardships on many people, whether it be physically, emotionally, or financially. During these tough times it is important that we all remember to be there for our families, for our fellow Brothers and for our Communities.

Some of the ways we can help each other out in these times are checking in on each other and your neighbors. Making sure that we are all okay, and if you are in a position to offer any help, to offer. Another way to help is if a neighbor is elderly or high risk, offer to pick up their groceries for them. Another way is to contribute to your local Food Bank, there are still some without work due to state shutdowns and rely on the food bank for their meals. With the Presidential Election being just around the corner, another way a Brother can help his community is by volunteering to bring neighbors to the polls who could not otherwise bring themselves. Regardless of who you are voting for, participating in the election process is one of our most Patriotic duties, not only as Brothers, but as Americans.

All of these things, regardless of how small the act might be, helps bind community ties that will help prevent a kerfuffle. Strong communities are the foundation of a strong nation, a nation we can all take pride in. By doing these small things we also show our next generation of Americans and Brothers what it means to be Patriotic. Having two little ones at home of my own I know first hand that they see everything we do and soak it all up like a sponge, so why not have it be something that will benefit our community?

We must strive as Brothers to continue to do what is best for our communities and for our country. If we keep this in mind as we go about our daily lives, it will become second nature to us. As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War we must lead by example with this message and practice what we preach. It is not good enough for us to say we believe in doing these things, but we must go through and do them, every little bit helps.

In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,
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