

Ed Grabner - Convention Closing

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Well, we'll have some closing thoughts here. We appreciated this and just thought we might put back up on our screen here for our brethren online, our banner.

So here we started off our convention with this, and we appreciate very much the Lord's providence and Brother Lynn considering this subject for us and being the bookends, as it were, for our convention here. Well, some things of friends, you know, this is really very much a group effort when you put on a convention, and we really need to credit all the brethren and just write down the end. Sister Lee, coming up. Are you recording? Missing that little step there.

Thought I had all those things. Brother Lynn's praising my help, the technical side of things. Thank you very much. So Lord keeps us humble, that's for sure. You need these experiences, which, by the way, we'll kill the recording here later.

But this was really in the works for two years.

The typical process. Have our business meeting, we have a selection of nominations for elder. We vote on them, we prioritize them. But we came down to our business this last year, and it just really. We got this long list of brethren we never get to.

We all accept them. We've already got them prioritized. Well, maybe we'll just start right there as far as any services coming up for this next year, and so it came down to the three brethren who accepted our service to service in person for our convention. You know, last year we had the group gathered, but most all of our servants were online.

So really, this. This convention was two years in the works for really for this class and all the efforts of the brethren here who. Who put this on, and so it seems fitting. You know, you always kind of want to have a share, something to close.

We've kind of. Isn't actually the Passover or memorial season, but, you know, they sang a hymn and they went out, you know, have a closing prayer, and part of the efforts of the brethren using all the different talents. You were served in many ways by all the brethren here that make up this class. But Sister Gail had shown us one of her talents there in the preparation of a greeting for y' all.

She also used her talent to together a closing for us. Likewise on this. This has actually been put to music that comes from hymn number 27 or hymn 83. But we will just note the number 6, 23 to 26 at the top. This admonition, if you will speak unto Aaron and unto his son, saying, on this wise, ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, the Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Well, we have experienced that this weekend and but this is our thoughts going forward like ones. So we have this poem that's been put to music. The friends online can see it on the screen there.

But we have Sister Rachel's gonna play through the tune once for us. You're all going to be familiar with the tune but and then when we will sing when she comes through the second time through the tune sa you have made our holy place by your words and spirit Let the gracious words of light sanctify and lead our eyes. May your vision clear mercy may your heart more perfect to engage

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Most reverently we will keep you close to heart until when no more we dark until with our bright room we shall begin.

Well, that is our hope and wish for all. What we're going to do now is I'm going to turn back on the opportunity for our brethren online to start their videos if they would like. We will show you a picture of our convention hall here. Anybody online, if you'd like to turn on your video and wave back to your brethren here in Austin, feel free to do so.

Well brethren, we do appreciate that so much and we would turn on give you the opportunity mics, but I'm afraid we would have quite a cacophony of sounds here. Everybody's talking at the same time. But this really brings our convention to a close. We have the responsibilities breaking down and doing all the work that needs to be done here convention wise. So we're not going to leave the convention broadcast up and running for an extension of time here.

So we'll be shutting it down very, very shortly. So this is your last opportunity to see your brethren online and some vision or images there and as well as see your brethren here gathered for this convention.