

Delaware Supplement

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Sir Knights,

I hope that this new year has been kind to you so far. I'd like to begin with a revision to the dates for the York Rite degrees that I listed in last month's magazine, because this is coming up very fast. The Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's Degrees have been moved from Wednesday, February 5, in Dover, to Tuesday, February 4, in Georgetown. The meeting will still start at 7:30 pm. For your future reference, Kent Chapter No. 8 R.A.M. and Adoniram Council No. 2 R. & S.M. are now meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month in Dover. As of this writing, the rest of the dates are unchanged.

I extend my personal congratulations, and appreciation, to those Sir Knights who have been or will be elected or appointed to serve their Commanderies in the new Chivalric year.

As a reminder, our Grand York Rite Sessions are only a few weeks away. The Templar Feast will be Thursday, March 12, at the Sheraton Wilmington South. The Grand Commandery will hold its Annual Conclave the next day, Friday March 13, and the Grand York Rite Banquet will be Friday evening, both events also at the Sheraton. Grand Council and Grand Chapter will meet on Saturday. More information will be forthcoming at <http://deyrmasons.org/>. Again, all Sir Knights will be admitted by courtesy after the Grand Conclave opens. You do not need to be a Past Commander or sitting dais officer to be welcome among us.

I have also received information on the Grand York Rite Sessions of New Jersey. They will be taking place the weekend before Delaware's Sessions, from Friday March 6 through Sunday March 8, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Toms River, New Jersey. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey will meet at 1:00 pm on

Saturday March 7, with a banquet that evening at 7:00 pm. Links to the schedule and reservation forms may be found on that Grand Encampment's web site at <http://www.gcktnj.org/>. If you are interested in attending, but are unable to access the information that way, you can contact me and I will forward it to you.

On the Christian calendar, this month, we . . . well, "celebrate" is not the right word. This month we observe Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the season of Lent. With the arrival of Lent, we are blessed to know that Easter Morn is coming, but Ash Wednesday is a solemn occasion for reflection, and repentance. Any words of mine on these topics fail in comparison to the words of our ritual. I encourage each of you, in preparing for Lent, to consider what we learn in the Order of the Temple, reflect upon the Prelate's address, and contemplate what was imparted to you before your final libation.

Sir Knights, this will be my final address to you. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your Grand Commander. Thank you.

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