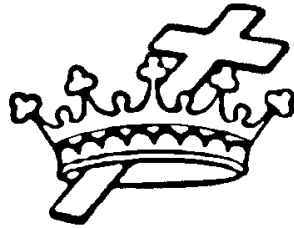


## OREGON SUPPLEMENT

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Sir Knights, Greetings,

Wow! Has this year flown by or what? Already Sweetheart's month and soon preparation for the Easter Observance and of course the Grand York Rite Sessions of Oregon.

I hope that everyone that has a sweetheart is planning a well deserved time to offer them the love, comfort and companionship they need for all the hardships we put on them.

Seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior and now it will be the time to celebrate the Resurrection and Ascension. What a glorious time to test our faith and rise to the occasion. Hopefully, this event will be publicized in the local areas and the guests will share in our 'Christian Order'.

As for the Sessions, due to unforeseen circumstances we will be using a different venue from times of past. This April 9-11 will be at the Salem Scottish Rite, 4090 Commercial Street SE. It will be the first time using this location and there is a lot of preparation going on to get it done, and I must thank Sir Knight and MIC David Fuller for his cooperation. I have been informed that there is plenty of hotels and motels near the location for those who will be travelling to attend. Also, it is hoped that by choosing this location, it may allow more of the Companions and Sir Knights to attend that may have otherwise not. Time will tell.

Finally, my fraters, remember to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. 'Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed nomini tuo da gloriam' Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory.

Ralph G. Winters  
Grand Commander

February 26<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. For the Catholic and certain Protestant Churches this is an important day for some, for others it is a big question mark. It is something that we as Christian Knights should observe and foster for it is a time of penitence and reflection.

While not every Sir Knight observes Lent, we should all take this time of the year to reflect on our own personal development. We should look deeply within ourselves and honestly use this time to set aside those things in the past year that we have found fault in ourselves. We should seek to make amends for those times when we may have caused hurt to others, whatever the reason.

We should take the time to reflect on the meaning of the ashes used this day for it is of deep Masonic significance that from dust we came, and it is to dust we will return. To reflect on the number of days that we have left and use every one of them to do good. Remember to leave those we love each day with an affirmation of that love. Face each day's end with a word of praise for our Creator and a blessing that we may one day be in his presence.

