

Delaware Supplement

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Sir Knights,

Greetings, Sir Knights. RoseMarie and I hope that you have had a blessed Christmas season, and that you and yours have a healthy and happy new year.

We are approaching the Epiphany, when the incarnation of our Lord and Savior was revealed to the world in the illumination of a star. The New Year, as a secular holiday, is traditionally a time for reflection and resolutions of amendment. Let us remember, then, that the birth of Jesus represents the Lord coming to us for our salvation, not because of our actions or our intrinsic worth, but because His grace and His love for us. All men err, and even the best men need repentance. Let us, therefore, remain ever thankful in the coming year for our Lord's grace, and resolve to share that grace with each other and to remember that all men and women are also children of God.

We are also preparing for the spring conferral of the York Rite degrees and Orders. The following schedule was set at the planning council meeting in early November, but please check with your local Chapter, Council or Commandery to make sure there have been no changes. The Mark Master Degree will be conferred on January 21 in Newark. The Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's Degrees will be conferred on February 5 in Dover. The Royal Arch Degree will be conferred on February 10 in Newport. The Royal Master and Select Master Degrees will be conferred on March 3 in Georgetown. The Order of the Red Cross will be conferred on April 9 in Wilmington, the Order of Malta will be conferred on April 27 in Wilmington, and the Order of the Temple will be conferred on May 21 in Dover.

Don't forget the Grand York Rite Sessions will soon be here. The Templar Feast will be Thursday, March 12, at the Sheraton Wilmington South. The Grand Commandery will hold its annual session on Friday, March 13 in the afternoon, and the Grand York Rite Banquet will be that evening, both at the same location. The other Grand York Rite bodies will be meeting on Saturday, March 14. More information on the Grand Sessions and the banquets will be forthcoming on our web site, at <http://deymasons.org/>. Sir Knights, please note that you are welcome at our Grand Sessions, even if you are not a member of the Grand Commandery. All Sir Knights will be admitted by courtesy after the opening of the Grand Conclave.

A final scheduling note: the Official Visit of the Grand Commander and his staff to Trinity Commandery No. 3 K.T. will be held on Monday evening, January 27, at 7:30 pm in Wilmington. The original date for the visit was postponed to accommodate the Order of the Temple instead. I hope to see you all both at the visit, and also at the Orders.

Again, RoseMarie and I wish each of you a healthy and happy new year, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all in the days to come.

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