

ARKANSAS SUPPLEMENT



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Holy Land Pilgrimage - 2021

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this on June 1st, we will be preparing to return to our regular meeting schedule. One very important item for your Commandery to consider at its June or July Conclave is if you wish to sponsor a minister for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage for the February 2021 trip. The time is now to consider this, because nominations for a minister to go must be in the Arkansas Grand Recorder's office by Sept. 1, 2020. Keep in mind that, if your nominee is selected, your Commandery will be expected to pay his travel expenses, lodging, etc. to & from New York City. (Approximately \$1000.00.) The Grand Commandery of AR pays his \$3600.00 Grand Encampment fee for the trip. If your Commandery wishes to make a nomination, there are specific forms to be completed and submitted by Sept. 1. Your local Reorder has been provided these forms, and they are available from the Grand Recorder. The AR Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee makes the final selection of a minister to sponsor. (Your Commandery can sponsor a minister individually if you wish, but you would be responsible for the entire cost.) If your Commandery is seriously considering a nomination, your Commander and Recorder should discuss the requirements with the Grand Recorder and/or AR HLP Committee.

Editor's note: Sir Knights, again keep in mind that this publication is submitted one month prior to publication. Here are some revised dates, as we know them on May1, 2020:

AR Grand York Rite Sessions August 27, 28, 29, 2020
Order of High Priesthood - Thursday evening of Grand Session
AR College SRICF - Postponed to July 18 (Hopefully)
Sword & Trowel/KYCH/Past Commanders - July 25, 2020
AR York Rite College - August 1, 2020
Knight Masons - Postponed until Grand Sessions
A.M.D. - Postponed until Grand Sessions
St. Giles, Red Cross of Constantine - Postponed to Oct. 10
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Greetings, Sir Knights:



Per writing this article, (May 1, 2020) we are still currently on lock-down, or to correctly put it social distancing due to the Corvid-19 virus. I'm hoping by the time you read this article in June that the virus will be over with and we will be starting to reopen our Lodges, as well as the Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

It has been a long 3months since we have had any personal contact with each other, and I can tell you for myself I have truly missed the camaraderie with all of you. I sure expected be at this time a Past Grand Commander but due to the Edits being issued by the Grand Master of Masons of Arkansas all Masonic meetings were put on a hold to comply with the Governor and the President of the United States, due to the corona virus. The Grand Master was looking out for the safety of each one of us when he put out the Edit.

We have set a new date for the Grand York Rite conference for

August the 27-29th. I hope to see a great deal of you all. We must support of our York Rite in the local as well as the Grand York Rite. The Secretaries of the York Rite bodies have the new Registration forms. And if by some chance that he does not, contact the Grand Secretary/Recorder Dick E. Browning and I assure you that he has one that you can get. Please don't wait to send in your registration, go ahead and get it done asap. I am expecting a great turn out for the Grand Conference, so Sir Knights please don't disappoint me, Come and support your York Rite.

Thank you again for supporting me as your Grand Commander this year, it has been unusually different year for all of us. Stay safe.

Yours in Christ,

Ronald Tucker
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