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Grand York Rite of North Dakota Annual Sessions

Companions and Sir Knights,

The North Dakota Grand York Rite annual meetings will be a virtual meeting via Zoom on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Details to follow.

Message from the Editor

The past couple months have been an unusual time for all of us, and we have all been impacted to one degree or another in various ways by the current public health situation. I hope that you and yours are staying healthy and doing well in these strange and uncertain times.

Rather quickly, our Masonic meetings stopped on a dime, and the brothers I used to see and enjoy fellowship with on a frequent basis are now separated by sheltering in place and social distancing guidelines. I think we all long to return to some kind of normalcy and wonder when that might be possible.

Several of you know by now that I am retiring as the editor for the Knights Templar and Royal Arch Mason magazine supplements for North Dakota. This is actually my final supplement. As I explained in an e-mail to the Grand Officers, I have found it necessary to wind down my involvement in York Rite activities over the course of 2020 due to a long term York Rite meeting night conflict, as well as needing to strike a better life balance between my career, Masonic participation, and other community activities.

I still plan to be quite active in my Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and the various boards and committees on which I serve. No doubt, I will continue to see many of you at various Masonic meetings and functions. I hope that we can return to those relatively soon.

Sir Knights David Bickel and Craig Ramsdell will be assisting with the transition to a new editor for the magazine supplements. I would ask that you please support them as much as you can by submitting short articles or reports of York Rite related activities in your area. If you send them a picture as well, that is even better. We all enjoy seeing and hearing about what everyone is up to across our great state.

I looked at my files this evening and realized that it has been just short of three years that I have served as your editor for the magazine supplements. I hope that you have found them interesting and useful. I learned a lot in the process, and I am grateful for the opportunity.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Zoom in July. I have been using Zoom to stay in contact with a few friends as well. With me now working and staying at home so much, the social contact has really lifted my spirits. With the weather getting nicer, I am also getting outside on occasion for a walk or bike ride which has been very refreshing. I hope you are all taking care of yourself and doing similar things to stay healthy in both mind and body.

Take care and see you around!

~Travis

Upcoming York Rite Dates

ND Grand York Rite Sessions (Zoom) – Saturday, July 11
North Central Department Conference (Sioux Falls) – October 2020