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A Message from the Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

Spring is approaching and we can now start planning for our outdoor adventures. Keep in mind all the activities your York Rite bodies have scheduled and be a participant. By attending the events planned, we can continue to build our membership by showing our Masonic Brethren how active we are and the fun and fellowship we enjoy.

I look forward to finishing up my Official Visits before we all meet at the Grand York Rite Sessions next month in Idaho Falls, Idaho. SK Gary LaBruyere, EGCG, and his committee are doing a wonderful job of organizing a good venue and menu for our Grand Sessions.

Membership has been the theme of the Grand Encampment and it continues to be our need to increase our number of members and make our Commanderies excitable and viable entities. It will take time to build up the numbers and I ask all Sir Knights to continue to educate our brethren and companions on the advantages of becoming Knights Templar. All Idaho Commanderies should have their Membership Committee Chairman send a report of their activities to the Grand Commandery Membership Committee Chairman.

Now is the time for all Grand Commandery committee chairmen to submit their reports to the Grand Recorder for printing in the Advance Proceedings of our Grand York Rite Sessions. Any reports not turned in will be given orally at the Grand Conclave in April.

Easter is April 12, 2020 and we hope all Idaho Commanderies are planning for their Observance. Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will have the Western States Easter Observance at the Denver

Scottish Rite Consistory in Denver, Colorado on April 12, 2020. I attended last year and was thoroughly impressed with the solemn ceremonies. The heads of all Masonic Bodies were present and participated in the sunrise celebration. A fine breakfast was served after the Observance at the Scottish Rite Consistory and lots of fellowship was enjoyed. Information and registration can be found on the Grand Encampment website.

I hope all Commanderies will plan a special time for their Sir Knights for their Easter Observance Ceremony or at least assemble in uniform at a Church of choice for the Sunrise Service on Easter morning, which celebrates the Ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I look forward to visiting with all the Sir Knights who will be attending the Grand York Rite Sessions and am anxious to enjoy the fellowship we all have with each other. See you all in Idaho Falls next month.

Jerry D. Parsons Right Eminent Grand Commander

