

KANSAS TOPICS

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Greetings Sir Knights of Kansas!

Masonic New Year?

Here we are, already into March, and spring is starting to show its face around us. As I sit here this morning thinking of how the return of spring is going to coincide with the Grand Lodge of Kansas this year. That over a hundred and sixty years ago, a group of men, very much like us decided that they were able to come together and extend Masonry to Kansas. When the warm winds started to come out of the south, they met, and soon once again, so will we.

I look forward to seeing quite a few of the Sir Knights of Kansas at Grand Lodge this year. I would like to ask that all attending to bring your Class A uniform, so that we can give the current Grand Master, Dale Morrow, and his successor Tony Borum, a proper, full and large Arch of Steel. They requested our assistance, and I have no doubt that the Sir Knights of Kansas will answer it in a manner befitting a Knight of the Order. I will be thanking you all, in advance, for assisting in this matter.

Now that I've got you looking at your calendar, I might just as well bring your attention to a couple of other items on the Grand York Rite Schedule, so that you can add them. First, I would like to invite every Sir Knight, his Lady and children – on behalf of Sir Knight Jeffery Nelson, Grand Master – to 8th Annual Mid-America Easter Observance at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City. The service will be at 8:00 am. One may also consider the Western States Observance, at the Scottish Rite Consistory in Denver. This service will start at 6:30 am (all times local). I have attended this event at both locations over my term as an officer for the Grand Commandery, and both are well worth taking the time to attend. Register for either of these events

at knightstemplar.org, there is a link on the bottom of the main page. If you are able to come in your Class A uniform or Cap and Mantle, we could really add to the entry march of the Knights, but I would like complaints about a lack of seating for all the Sir Knights that attended, I would take them with a smile.

That leads me to the next item I'd like you make sure you see on your calendar – Grand York Rite Session. I cannot stress enough how I would like to see every Sir Knight attend the annual Conclave of Knights Templar on Thursday April 30, 2020, as it is a great opportunity to meet, interact, and support each other in our common goals. I will also say that if you are unable to make the Commandery Conclave, support the Chapter and the Council, or just come some evening and take a meal with your York Rite Companions and friends. Hopefully your Class A's still fit after a bountiful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year and you can still wear them comfortably. If so, wear them to the Awards Banquet. No sword or Chapeau. If not, pull your tuxedo out of moth balls – take it to the cleaners – and then put it on for our annual Awards Banquet Friday May 1st. We'll be having a charity auction to benefit all of our York Rite charities. No matter how long you are able to attend; your presence would be of great value, as your thoughts and ideas could help someone you haven't even met yet. The link for registration and schedule is at kansasyorkrite.org on the main page. **If you are attending a meal, we need your registration by April 1st**, to ensure proper preparations can be made.

Sir Knights, I look forward to seeing you at all these events. The Masonic year really begins in the spring, and really, after a long winter, it's good to get out and see my Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights and friends.

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