



New Mexico Supplement



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Grand Commander

A Letter from the Editor

Greetings Sir Knights,

As our Chivalric Year comes to a close, we are also at the mid-point of this Grand Encampment Triennium. We hope you have enjoyed the information and reports given through this supplement and it shows the interest and dedication of your Grand Commandery officers. If you were able to attend the quarterly Grand York Rite meetings, you witnessed the same level of dedication and work.

One of the themes that you will notice is that the direction and work is Commandery, but also focused on the York Rite and Masonry as a whole - especially the Lodge. For several years, we have been at service to provide honor guards for the incoming Masters and Grand Masters at Installation. For a few years, we have been part of the opening of the Shrine Circus and have also served as honor guards at Installation. And, for several years we have provided an escort for the Grand Master when they are doing a Rededication or Cornerstone ceremony. These opportunities are both to expose and promote our Order, and because we are all Masons first - one family of dedicated servants to our world.

Another opportunity to reach out to the community is through our Holy Land Pilgrimage Program. Each year, we have the opportunity to send a Christian Minister to Jerusalem with others from around the country. The program requires that all interviews, applications and planning are done by September, so meeting with them now will start the process to get it done on time. Even if they do not go this year, they will be prepared and may be a candidate for next year! On top of that, your Commandery is allowed to sponsor, so you also might consider doing a fundraiser - (approximately) \$5000.00 is lofty, but doable!

This supplement and our meetings are what we make of them. Every time we schedule an event, it is our choice whether to make it memorable for those who are there or to just go through the motions. If we dedicate ourselves to creating our future, it will be bright; and it is up to each of us to ensure the future of our great and magnanimous Order.

We hope to see you all at the upcoming New Mexico events, please see the registration information below.

Courteously,
Stephen A. Balke, PGC



Most Worshipful Grand Master Ralph A. Easley
Sir Knights James Overfelt, GSW, Christopher A. Larsen II, PGC, Stephen Balke, PGC, and Jeff Lee served as an honor guard for the installation of the Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico, March 15, 2019.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE:

- Grand Lodge of New Mexico Annual Communication: March 19-21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. Register online at <https://nmmasons.org/tc-events/143rd-annual-communication/>.
- The **Grand York Rite Sessions**: April 16 – 18, 2020 at the Ballut Abyad Shrine in Albuquerque. Registrations are being accepted online at <https://sessions.nmyorkrite.org>.

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