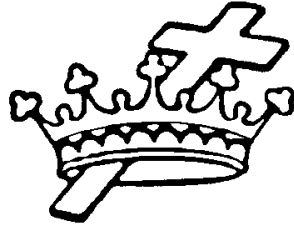


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Greetings Sir Knights,

March, can you believe it? We have almost completed another Grand Templar year. As has been stated in the last few messages, this year we will be having our Grand Convocation at the Salem Scottish Rite. A block of rooms will be made available at the Phoenix Inn Suites where breakfast will be provided for those at the Inn. There will also be a hospitality room provided there. Most have received by now the registration forms and are probably already anticipating arrival. A lot of last minute planning has been done to make this event a reality, and I personally want to thank all of those involved for their efforts, and if nothing else maybe we all have gained a little understanding of the ins and outs that have to be made to make it happen. Our lack of communication and letting it be done by others does not give us the full appreciation of the job at hand. But this mishap has, if nothing else has given many of us a better understanding and some education which is always needed and appreciated. It should help future leaders in planning and if nothing else emphasize the importance of communicating with each other.

A few highlights this year for the Convocation: Registration will be opened Wednesday afternoon with the Hodson Council of Past High Priesthood being offered at 1500 hrs., with the Order of the Silver Trowel to follow. Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning registration will reopen, with the usual introductions and receptions as explained in the proceeding's pamphlet. The Past Commanders Association will have its meeting prior to opening the Grand Commandery. The ladies will have a tour of the Governor's Mansion.

Meals will be located at the Scottish Rite which will be provided at a very reasonable cost and prepared by Jan one of the excellent chefs in the area. Known for her wonderful cinnamon rolls. Thursday will be a seafood/ choice menu and Friday will be the York Rite Banquet. It is hoped that by making the meals so reasonable that the attendance will increase. So, please, join us in fellowship and fun at the Scottish Rite meals.

Easter is Sunday following the sessions so the Officers/Past Commanders dinner will not be held so travelers may get to their respective homes safely. There will be an Easter sermon at the church nearby in Salem and all are welcome to attend. Also, the WESTERN STATES EASTER OBSERVANCE, offered by the Knights Templar Association of Colorado, sunrise service with breakfast to follow. Held at the Denver Consistory-1370 Grant St., information and registration at: www.wseo-denver.com. Have you made plans to attend? This is a religious annual event that every Templar should experience at least once, but hopefully every Commandery in Oregon is providing or sharing in an Easter Observance.

“Jesus Christ was human; He was born into line of Abraham, whom god had chosen to be the father of a great nation through which the whole world would be blessed. (Matthew 1:1-2.17 Luke 23 2:3. 34)

Christ ministry was only for a short time and in a small area, it only lasted about three years. One of the most important things we do is send Ministers to the Holy Land that they may come home and teach us about the travels and miracles that our Lord and Savior preformed during his short time with us. Whenever you pray and meditate, think about what God did for us in becoming man, suffering, dying and then ascending into heaven. Easter teaches that if we live according to principles that are given in the Holy Bible, repent, ask for forgiveness for your sins and dedicate your life in service to Jesus Christ, you will not only have a better life but your spirit will return to God who gave it. We as Knights Templar profess our faith in Christ and vow to defend the Christian religion.

Respectfully,
Ralph Winters, Grand Commander