

Washington Supplement

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Greetings, Sir Knights-

Spring is on the way, at least it is a hopeful thought. Our 2020 Grand Commandery Conclave will soon be here, as well. The dates for the Washington 2020 York Rite Grand Sessions are 7-9 May 2020. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington Grand Conclave will be on Saturday morning, 9 May 2020, convening at 8:00AM. The location will be the LaQuinta Inn & Suites-Tacoma, 1425 E. 27th Street, Tacoma, WA 98421. Contact information for room reservations is telephone: (253) 383-0146, extension number 5. Use Block Code: "WA State Grand *York Rite*" to receive the group rate (\$119.00 per night plus tax). *Room reservations* must be made not later than 7 April 2020 to receive the group rate. The registration form, meal selections, and the schedules for the Washington 2020 York Rite Grand Sessions are on the internet at www.YORKRITEWA.org. Meal reservations must also be submitted not later than 7 April 2020. Grand Commandery elected Officers, Deputy Instructors, and Committee Chairmen are reminded to submit their annual reports to the Grand Recorder for the Grand Commandery Conclave during this month of March. The Grand Recorder needs the reports in sufficient time to compile the Pre-Printed 2020 Grand Commandery Conclave Booklet and reproduce copies in time for the Grand Commandery Conclave.

I wish to remind you of the Grand Encampment Easter Observances in 2020. The 90th Annual East Coast Service will be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia; the 10th Annual Western States Easter Service will be held at the Scottish Rite Consistory in Denver, Colorado; the 8th Annual Mid-America Easter Service at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, 12 April 2020. Hotel reservations may be made directly with the appropriate headquarters hotel:

East Coast: Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport, (703) 418-6800 Mid-America: Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri, (816) 474-4400 West Coast: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Denver, Colorado, (303) 573-1450 (Group Code: KTA)

Further information on these observances and hotel links are available on the Grand Encampment website at <u>www.knightstemplar.org</u>. You may also contact John Elkinton in the Grand Encampment office at (713) 349-8700 or email: john@gektusa.org.

For the April Supplement, we will be treated to another message from our Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Ian C. Hyde. He has consented to present us with a special Easter Observance reflection

May the Blessing of GOD, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost be upon you and your families.

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"

Sir Knight *W. Gary Norton* Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington