

New Hampshire Supplement

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In order to keep you better informed of the happenings in the jurisdiction, I will dedicate a portion of this column to upcoming events. Below are our events for May and beyond:

- Tuesday(s) May, Grand York Rite bodies educational series, at 7:00pm online (details provided weekly)
- Friday/Saturday 24-25 July, Annual Grand York Rite Banquet & Session in Concord

...It's a wild world

As most of you may know (and I believe I have said in prior supplements), that this document is actually prepared in advance (March to be exact for this edition). As a result, much of what we would normally talk about in here, our May banquet and grand sessions, are on hold given the events circulating around the COVID19 virus. We are in the midst of what is probably for most of society our first truly global pandemics of our lifetimes, not that we have not had those in the past, just in recent times. This has resulted in necessary changes to our "regularly scheduled program" and now our session will take place in July, if everything goes according to Hoyle.

This is not the first time Templary has faced such issues, as the Spanish Flu of 1918 took a great toll across the globe. Ironically, our Grand Commandery session that year took place in September just before the pandemic exploded across the nation. As I write this, it is almost a mini-time capsule, as I cannot say where we will be when this is published, but as of right now we are all in a stay at home order, practicing our social distancing (which is not new and was practiced even before the 1918 pandemic. There is hope that by the summer, we will be past the peak and our warm

weather will help slow the spread.

Not everything is dire though; what has become a great pause for our nation, is allowing us all time to reconnect. We have had the opportunity to take advantage of those technological improvements for our own benefit. In the blink of an eye or a simple push of a button we can connect with SKs from not only within the state, but around the world. To that end, your own Grand York Rite officers have been offering sessions on Tuesday nights to meet (virtually, of course) and discuss our orders. It's been an amazing time and I hope we can continue forward with these efforts even beyond the current situation.

While we are all in a state of uncertainty, I would encourage you to read the words spoken in Matt 6:25-33

25Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Reminder, dates of events are always subject to change -- York Rite Calendar posted on the website at <https://nhYorkrite.org/calendars/>

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