



Washington Supplement
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Greetings, Sir Knights—

In view of the circumstances and the challenges we are all being confronted with due to COVID-19, I pray that you are all continuing to be well and in good health. We do not stand alone in these uncertain times, always be ever mindful that our *Risen Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ* stands with us and is ever vigilant to our needs, protection, and well-being.

Hopefully, as you now know, the Washington 2020 York Rite Grand Sessions have been rescheduled for 2-4 July 2020. The decision to reschedule the York Rite Grand Sessions was not a hurried one nor was it taken lightly. It was one requiring much time and coordination, the consideration of different options, and the unanimous agreement of the leadership of the York Rite Grand Bodies and the York Rite WA, LLC. For the Grand Commandery, coordination had to be made with our Right Eminent Department Commander and approval secured as well. I am hopeful we will not be confronted with circumstances requiring another decision to reschedule the York Rite Grand Sessions a second time. I am confident the Sir Knights will support this decision and do their best to attend the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington on Saturday morning, at 8:00AM, 4 July 2020. I thank and applaud the cooperation, coordination, and actions willingly offered by Sir Knight David A. Aponte, REPGC, Vice-President, LLC; and Sir Knight Roger Pankey, Executive Secretary, LLC, contributing to the finalization of this difficult decision. Again, the rescheduled dates for the Washington 2020 York Rite Grand Sessions are 2-4 July 2020. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington Grand Conclave will be on Saturday morning, 4 July 2020, convening at 8:00AM. The location will be the LaQuinta Inn & Suites-Tacoma, 1425 E.

27th St., 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 **1 June 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 **1 June 2020**.

In these difficult times, many of us seek comfort and solace through our beliefs and in words forged in the midst of those troubling and difficult times of centuries past. One such phrase contains the words, “This too shall pass”, from a Persian Sufi poet of ancient times. I also offer for your consolation and reassurance, the reading of Saint John, 14, and Psalm 91, in the Holy Bible. I encourage you to pray for the aid and assistance of others impacted by COVID-19, and to pray for yourself and family to remain healthy and well. Please abide by and adhere to the directives and guidelines issued from the health, state, and federal authorities appertaining to COVID-19.

My prayers will be with you and for you.

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