

GRAND COMMANDERY OF HAWAII

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Aloha Sir Knights:

We continue to overcome the ordeals brought about by this pandemic and I hope that everyone is safe and in the best of health. I am honored to follow a superb and distinguished leader, SK Dustin Verity, PGC. With your steadfast support and loyalty, I humbly and joyfully serve as your Grand Commander for the year 2021-2022.

Our 2021 Grand York Rite Bodies of Hawaii Joint Annual Session and election of officers for the year 2021-2022 were virtually held on Saturday, February 27, 2021 via Zoom meeting. It was well attended with distinguished visitors both from the mainland and Hawaiian Sir Knights alike. Our deep appreciation go to SK David J. Kussman, R.E.G.G. who served as the Installing Officer and to SK Dean Rein, SW Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, taking the helm as Installing Marshal for the Grand Commandery Knights Templar Hawaii 2021-2022 Officers installations. After the installations, SK David J. Kussman presented the Knight Templar Cross of Honor (KTCH) award to SK Chris Williams and the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) award to SK Seth Connell. Congratulations to both SK Chris and SK Seth. Closing remarks followed from SK Dean Rein, SK David Kussman and our Grand Master Jeffrey N. Nelson, GCT. The Most Worshipful Garry Graham, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii, also offered his remarks. We extend our deep appreciation to all the attendees and for making our joint annual session a great success.

As PGC Dustin Verity mentioned on his last message this past month, please continue to support the KT Eye Foundation. One way is to join and make donations to the Grand Commander's or the Grand Master's Club. More information on these and more ways to donate can be found at www.ktef.org.

We will also note the update issued by MW Garry Graham to Decision 2020-01 allowing 10 brethren to meet in person for Masonic events and gatherings in conjunction with the latest issuance of the State of Hawaii and its municipalities COVID 19 emergency orders. For the full Grand Master's Decision 2020-01, please view this at: <http://hawaiifreemason.org/grand-masters-decision-2020-02-updated-a/>.

Following are a couple of important dates to mark on your calendar:

- **Virtual Easter Observance, Sunday, 11:00 A.M. EST, April 4, 2021**, there is **NO ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**. A direct link to the virtual observance will be posted on www.knightstemplar.org as soon as it is available. It is anticipated to be posted soon after April 1, 2021.

- **Grand Encampment's Triennial will be held from August 14th to the 18th, 2021**, in Minneapolis. More information may be found here: <https://www.knightstemplar.org/ge682021.html>

In Unity,

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