

## KANSAS TOPICS

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Salute to the Sir Knights of Kansas,

In a year without COVID-19, this would normally be the last time you would hear from me. However, under the circumstances I have a couple of months to go. Lucky you! This pandemic has been going on for a year now and it has been a difficult year. We have moved our Grand Sessions back to July, in hopes of having a live meeting versus a Zoom meeting. I haven't accomplished much if anything throughout the year and we have lost family and members of our organization we will truly miss. One thing I have learned this past year is that our Kansas Knights Templars are a great group; from our Past Grand Commanders all the way down to the Sir Knights who have no titles, but merely do the work they know needs to be done. I read a joke in *Readers Digest* awhile back and it goes like this; "Here's the problem with fruit: It's inconsistent. Some apples are delicious; some taste bad. Sometimes blueberries are great: sometimes they are disgusting.

You know what's the same every time? Doritos." In my opinion, life is the fruit, so we have to be the Doritos. Life is not the best fruit right now so we have to work harder at being Doritos. April is mostly a month when Spring is in full swing and we are looking forward to warmer days and spending time outside. It's time for Easter, dying Easter eggs with the family and Easter egg hunts for candy. Who doesn't like a good chocolate Easter bunny, especially, the ones that are solid chocolate, and not hollowed out. Once again, candy is part of the equation. How would we ever make it through winter without candy; from Halloween through Easter, it helps us retain our winter fat and keeps us warm. Easter is really about us recognizing Jesus rising from the

dead. That's a miracle we can all get behind and use as inspiration in our lives. We need to rise from the dead of winter and the new life of Spring. We are starting to get vaccinated from COVID-19 and getting back to a little bit of normal. We are able to meet again in person and share in social interactions. This pandemic has been more than just a little hiccup in our lives, but we still have a lot to look forward to. We have a lot to accomplish and a lot of happy times ahead. It seems you can't view any social media that isn't bad news. It's all about the pandemic, murders, social injustice and the list goes on. It's not that there isn't any good news, I just think bad news sells better. You do hear a few stories of people helping others and doing good things and it really warms your heart. Knights Templar *is* the good news story. What we do and what we are going to do in the future far out distances COVID-19. Let's all stay the course, stay focused, continue to do the right things and make life fun again.

In closing, I hope you all are in good health. Get out and enjoy life and the things Easter and Spring have to offer. Keep your family close and tell them how much you love and appreciate them. Continue to reach out to others in need and make a difference.

Remember, we are the Doritos.

God Bless you all.

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