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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 April and beyond:

• Monthly Grand York Rite bodies educational series, at 7:00pm online (details provided in advanced)

Major Events

Sir Knights,

I thought it would be prudent to list out the details for our annual meetings this year. As you are aware, we held the main business portion of our meeting last month (virtually), as is the norm and typically in May we would hold our banquet the Friday evening prior to our formal session. As many of you should be aware, the Grand York Rite officers met and discussed the options for this year and how we could safely meet. It was decided that we would move the banquet to later in the summer, in the hopes that the majority of our members would have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, if they so choose, and that things would be open. To that end, we have set the date of our gathering for 31 July, Saturday, at our usual location at the Holiday Inn in Concord. The plan will be for the current heads of the Grand Bodies to lead their respective portions of the banquet and will present their awards accordingly. Depending on the actual situation at the time of the banquet, we may offer a program earlier in the day for those who wish to participate. Details may or may not have been sent at the time if this supplement being published.

As for the Annual session, that will be done in a hybrid format on 8 May at Concord Masonic Temple. The building is equipped in such a way as to allow us to have limited in person attendees and also simulcast our proceedings online via zoom.

This will allow for the greatest participation, in a safe manner.

By now, you should have received notice for both events and also sent in your RSVP to the Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder.

The other major event taking place this month, will be the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service on 4 April. Typically, this is held at the Geo. Washington Masonic Memorial on Easter Sunday, as the name implies at sunrise. However, given the likelihood of restrictions still being in place, the GM of the Grand Encampment has decided to hold a virtual national service online at 11am EST. Information is still forthcoming at the time of this writing, but I suspect details may be found elsewhere in this month's publication or at the GEKT website. As many of us are not usually available to make the trek down to DC, this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to at least participate, even if it is virtual.

SKs, I look forward to "seeing" you all at our annual sessions!

P.S. We are still looking for a SK who would be interested in taking on the role of editor for our state supplement. The commitment is manageable and is a great way to share some light with our fellow SKs. Please contact me and the REGC, should you wish to discuss this opportunity.

York Rite Calendar -- https://nhyorkrite.org/calendars/ IHS, SK Patrick J. O'Sullivan, DGC – Editor