

New Hampshire Supplement

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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 January and beyond:

- Monthly Grand York Rite bodies educational series, at 7:00pm online (details provided in advanced)
- REGC is working on plans/evaluating how we can proceed with the Commandery Orders. Please watch for any notices via email from the Grand Recorder's office.

Starting a New

Happy New Year! I think it is safe to say we are all looking forward to putting 2020 in the rearview mirror and start fresh in 2021. It looks like by late Spring, things on the pandemic front will be at a state where activities will be able to start in earnest if everything continues to proceed as we are being told. I know I am looking forward to getting back to doing our work and advancing those companions who have been waiting a time with patience to receive their Order of the Temple and to received as Sir Knights.

One of the challenges we will all face coming out of this, is shaking off the "rust" from our down time. It would seem like now is a good time to start brushing up on your ritual and get familiar with the parts, while this won't help with the drill and floorwork, it will be one less thing to worry about as we move to the Spring. With technology today, you could do a virtual rehearsal with some of the other SKs using one of the various collaborative tools available (zoom, teams, skype, etc). If you are concerned about the words and signs, just omit those, much of the Orders are in plain English (especially with the new ritual books) and you can practice those parts. I know for me personally, rehearsing by myself is good to a point, then you need someone to partner with to help get the

timing and flow down to make it seem more natural and not rushed. If the online tools are a challenge, just a phone call works well too. We also have DVDs of the first two orders, which are a great tool to see how the floorwork is performed and again on the back and forth of the ritual itself. Let's make the most of the time while we have it.

On another note, like everything in the world, there is also a time for change in this particular role in which I am serving, as the editor of the state supplement. With the forth coming change of command in the Spring, it is prudent to look for someone to take over this role. It's a great opportunity to provide both education and information to our SKs across the state. I would like to have someone volunteer and I can work with you to get you up to speed. It's not a huge space you have to work with and can actually be a challenge to edit the supplement to fit. The only unique aspect to this is you are writing for the future, in other words, a month+ in advance. For example, I am writing this at the end of November for the January issue. So, if you are interested, please let the REGC and I know, so we can talk about the role and the finer details.

On behalf of all the Grand Commandery Officers, we wish you many blessings and a Happy New Year in 2021.

York Rite Calendar -- <https://nhyorkrite.org/calendars/>

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