

KANSAS TOPICS

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Salute to the Sir Knights of Kansas,

It looks like Grand Lodge is going to have a one-day session this year on March 19th. It's a small start for getting back to normal. We have changed our Grand Session, as you have heard, from a three-day event in Topeka, to three one day events at various locations. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons will meet at Wyandotte Lodge in Kansas City, on Saturday July 10th; Grand Council Cryptic Masons will meet at Iola Lodge in Iola, on July 17th; and Grand Commandry Knights Templar will meet at Palmyra Lodge in Baldwin City, on July 24th. We hoped by doing this we could have smaller in person sessions and in most cases eliminate having to stay in a motel. Hopefully, next year we will be back to our *real* Grand Session. Hope everyone can attend all the events, but personal health and safety is the first concern if you are unable.

March is a month we normally look forward to. Those of you who are basketball fans, there is March Madness. A chance to cheer on your favorite team, complain about bad calls from the referees and drink beer. I think we are all somewhat St. Patrick Day fans; it gives us an excuse to drink GREEN beer and wear something green (another chance to drink beer). Then, there is Daylight Savings Time! Who doesn't like to gain an hour of evening daylight and lose an hour of sleep in the process? So, between one day having to wear something green and another losing sleep March is pretty great. Guess we have our beer to

help us get through it or at least forget about it. Well, I've had enough beer so let's get on to the really cool thing about March. *SPRING!* Now that is something to get excited about. The temperature starts to warm up, flowers begin to bloom; grass turns green and trees budding with colorful blooms. Take a minute and close your eyes and imagine it. You can feel the warm sun on your face; envision the many different colors and smells of the flowers. It is definitely a time of renewal and hope of good days to come. This year more than others past, we need a time of renewal and better days. I know a lot of Sir Knights have lost someone close to them and looking forward to Spring is not going to be an easy task. I most certainly don't have the answer for that, but we need to lean on each other as we have been doing for continued help and support. Let's all make an effort to start Spring with a renewed spirit like never before. It's a time for new projects, and a fresh start to enjoy life again. This pandemic is far from over and has a way long to go; but we can have a spring-like beginning in ourselves. We can continue following protocol; wearing masks, following guidelines, and safely getting outside to take in life. I encourage you to take the opportunity to enjoy what God has provided for us. Please, continue to reach out to others and let them know they are not forgotten and valued. I do believe through all this; God has a plan and as Sir Knights we need to believe it. We have much yet to accomplish and this will be our renewed start. Sir Knights, I wish for you an uplifting Spring, which will lighten your hearts; through laughter, love, and enjoyment of life. **YOU** are cared for, and we are going to bloom like the flowers of Spring.

God Bless you all.

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