



New Mexico Supplement



Adam L. Hathaway
Grand Commander

Good Greetings Sir Knights!

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me by electing me to serve as Grand Commander for the ensuing year. Templary is an extremely important part of my life, and its lessons serve as the foundation for all my endeavors. I strive to act chivalrously and courteously, though some days are better than others. I promise to do my best. Come join me!

Many thanks to Right Eminent Past Grand Commander H.C. Sky Olsen for his service as Grand Commander this past year. His leadership style is one of compassion, temperance, inclusion, and humor - all good qualities, especially considering the challenges of this past year. Thank you for your service.

I have met with the Grand Commandery officers to collaboratively plan programs for the year. We are focusing, not on what we cannot do, but rather, on what we can do. Our programs include:

1. Membership

You may be asking “How can we focus on membership when we can’t even meet to do work?” Our first responsibility is looking after our current members and providing them with meaningful chivalric experiences. Please reach out to the Knights in your Commandery and ask if they need any help. Also, please meet as best you can, whether virtually or in person, absolutely complying with the Grand Master’s Edicts and any direction from the Grand Encampment. Finally, even though we may not be able to perform the Commandery Orders, just yet, we can build relationships with potential candidates and start laying the groundwork for their admission. Remember there is a recruitment aspect to everything we do.

2. York Rite Leadership Program

The Grand Encampment provides the York Rite Leadership Program, sponsored by all three bodies of the York Rite and now open to the entire Masonic family (men, women and youth). This series consists of: Leadership 101 – Individual Leadership; 201 – Leadership in Group Dynamics; and 401 – Influential Communications.

The Grand Commandery of New Mexico is sponsoring Leadership 101 on May 15, 2021 to be held virtually from 8 am – 5 pm MDT. All Knights Templar and members of the Masonic Family are invited. To enroll in the course, go to yorkriteleadership.org to register for the program. You will then receive email notification of the May 15, 2021 session and instructions on how to enroll for Leadership 101.

3. Grand Commandery Ascension Service

On May 15, following Leadership 101, at 700 pm MDT, the Grand Commandery of New Mexico is hosting its first virtual Ascension Observance, **which is open to all**. Come join us as we celebrate one of the divine miracles of Christianity, led by the Grand Prelate. Please go to nmyorkrite.org for information on how to log on to this unique, live, and joyous gathering. Please invite Christian Masons who are not Knights to this program, in the hope of inspiring their interest. Remember, every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.

4. Templar Third Thursdays

On the third Thursday of each month, the Grand Commandery will host an evening gathering with educational programs, games and updates. We will not be reading reports nor conducting business, but gathering to learn and enjoy each other's company.

Please contact me if I may be of service in any way.

In Chivalry and Courtesy,

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Keep It On Your Calendar

May 15, 2021 York Rite Leadership 101, held virtually
Sept 25, 2021 York Rite Leadership 201, held virtually or in person
Jan 29, 2022 York Rite Leadership 401, held in person
Apr 7-9, 2022 Grand York Rite of New Mexico Annual Sessions

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