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Greetings Sir Knights:

By the time this article reaches you the grand Commandery of Washington will have accomplished two major events for the month of April:

1. Easter Observance on April 1, 2021
2. Grand Commandery Workshop on April 10, 2021.

Both events were well attended by and, in particular the easter Observance drew a very large zoom audience as it was open to the public.

With the Washington York Rite Grand Sessions coming up on May 14-15, it is imperative that the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Washington register for the Grand Concave to be held on Saturday, May 15 commencing at 8:00AM PST.

Registration can be accomplished by going to the yorkritewa.org website, clicking on the Grand Sessions registration link and filling out the information requested. Once that information sheet is submitted, the registrant will receive an email with the Meeting ID and Passcode numbers.

Sir Knights can also register for Grand Chapter and Grand Council via the same website. Grand Chapter will take place on Friday morning May 14th from 8:00AM to Noon, and Grand Council will take place on Friday May 14th from 1:00PM to 5:00PM.

All of the York Rite bodies have resolutions and contested elections to be voted upon by qualified voting members. Registrations for voting participants must be accomplished no later than April 30th. Non-voting attendees have until May 13th to register for Grand Sessions.

This has been a remarkable Grand Commandery year for me and for the Grand Elected officers. We came in by Zoom and now are going out or moving up by Zoom. Fortunately, the Zoom platform has allowed me to keep in touch with the Sir Knights of the constituent commanderies most of which continued to hold regular virtual conclaves during the past year, subject of course to the restrictions of Grand Encampment on such conclaves. I want to thank all of my officers for their support and attention to duties during this past year, and especially to my two Aides de camp, SK Karl Reich, REPGC and SK David Aponte, REPGC (FL) for their cheerful advice and wisdom, all of which helped make this a successful Grand Commandery year despite the pandemic.

As we lay aside our labors for this year and before we begin the labors of the next, let me leave you with the words of another hymn favorite of mine, Now The Day Is Over. It was written by Sabine Baring-Gould, who also wrote Onward Christian Solders. It is based on the text of Proverbs 3:24: "When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; Yea thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet". The lyrics of the first two verses are:

Now the day is over, Night is drawing near. Shadows of the evening steal across the sky. Jesus, give the weary calm and sweet repose, With thy tenderest blessing, may our eyelids close.

Blessing and honor to all the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Washington.

I remain yours in Christ

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