



**NEWS for FEBRUARY 2022**  
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**Greetings Sir Knights:**

**This year seems to be going by fast. The Grand Sessions in May are just three months away. I still have a number of visits planned to Constituent Commanderies during the remainder of my term, with one planned for February and three for March, and the last one in April. I have enjoyed my visits with the Sir Knights and look forward to visiting more.**

**With the many candidates still in waiting for York Rite degrees and orders, the Chapter, Council and Commandery in Tacoma are planning to confer the Degrees and Orders in the spring. While I encourage each Commandery to confer the Orders themselves, if possible, we will welcome candidates from other Commanderies to receive the Orders by courtesy if desired. The planned dates are February 19<sup>th</sup> for the Chapter Degrees, March 19<sup>th</sup> for Council Degrees and April 30<sup>th</sup> for the Commandery Orders.**

**Any who are available to attend the degrees and orders are welcome, and if you can participate that is even better. We welcome candidates from other Chapters, Councils and Commanderies who wish to take advantage of these conferrals, with the caveat that a request for courtesy work is required.**

**I encourage you to bring up the advantages of the York Rite with your Blue Lodge Brethren who have not yet taken advantage of the additional Light in Freemasonry offered by associated Masonic Bodies and Rites. Again, I encourage Companions and Sir Knights to take advantage of the educational opportunity of the Companion Adept of the Temple Program offered by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.**

**I encourage you to keep in touch with all members of your Commanderies on a regular basis by whatever means possible. By keeping in touch and informing them of activities they will feel as though they are valued even if they cannot attend.**

**I wish you all the very best.**

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