

Grand Commandery of New Mexico State News for May 2023



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Sir Knights!

The Grand sessions are over and a new Templar year for New Mexico has begun. Thank you to all the Sir Knights that have accepted appointment to the grand lines and congratulations to all the elected officials. It was great to have the Deputy Grand Commander and the Southwest Department Commander in attendance at our humble sessions. The Holy Land Pilgrimage dinner and fundraiser was in great attendance and the meal was above reproach! Thank you also to REPGC James Overfelt for his support and dedication to Templary in New Mexico. I am excited to represent New Mexico as your Grand Commander and hope for a prosperous year. I know that all appointees will do a fine job and help New Mexico Templary grow. Please allow us some time to update the website as we are migrating to a new platform.

Now that Easter Sunday has passed, let us give praise to the glorious season of our Lord and His ascension! A belief in the exaltation and glorification of Jesus after his death and resurrection is monumental for all Christian Sir Knights wherever disbursed. Jesus ascended to Heaven after his resurrection, where he was exalted as Lord and Christ, sitting at the right hand of God. Ascension Day is typically celebrated on the sixth Thursday also referred to as Holy Thursday or forty days from the day He rose from the grave. In 2023, this date would be May 18.

Here is how Luke described the event:

Therefore, when they [the disciples and the risen Christ] had come together, they asked Him saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?". And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth. "Now when he had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight..." (Acts 1: 4-9, New King James Version).

It is my hope that all Christian Sir Knights celebrate this glorious event by attending a service offered by a local place of worship, your local Commandry, or some type of virtual service. Peace be with you all !