

****Grand Commandery of New Mexico – July 2025****



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Greetings, Sir Knights

As we approach Independence Day, we do so not merely as citizens of a great nation, but as stewards of a profound heritage. July 4th is a celebration of liberty, a liberty birthed through sacrifice and courage. Yet beyond the fireworks and festooned flags, it is also an invitation to remember the spiritual foundation that helped shape the heart of this republic.

Our Founders, imperfect yet inspired, often spoke of Divine Providence. From the hallowed lines of the Declaration to the quiet prayers whispered in colonial churches, the thread of Christian faith was interwoven with the early fabric of our national story. It informed the values of individual dignity, moral responsibility, and the pursuit of justice.

As Christian Knights and Companions, let us reflect not only on the freedoms we enjoy, but on the higher calling that freedom entails—a call to serve others, to speak truth with grace, and to anchor our lives in righteousness. Let this

Independence Day be more than celebration; let it be a recommitment to the light that guided those before us.

Reminder the Quarterly York Rite Meeting is coming up on July 24th. Please attend either in person or virtually. Also, the Land of Enchantment festival is coming up July 25th and 26th.

May God bless you, and may He continue to bless these United States of America.

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” — 2 Corinthians 3:17

In Christ’s service,

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