

NEVADA

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## **GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

**January 2026**

Sir Knights,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday as we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I had the pleasure of attending and participating in the combined Christmas Observance of Melita and Malta Commanderies which included a very well-done service followed by dinner and entertainment. Sir Knight Michael Reinardt, who has been instrumental in coordinating this observance for many years, was greatly missed, and we mourn his passing. Unfortunately, family commitments prevented me from attending the Christmas Observance in Northern Nevada this year, but I was with them in spirit.

As we say goodbye to 2025 and welcome 2026, think about what you can personally do to spread the word of York Rite in Nevada. Talk to Blue Lodge Brothers that you think may have interest in joining us if they know more about our Order.

Support your Commandery by attending and participating in all meetings to show that you are invested in its success and growth; look for ways that you can provide assistance within your Commandery, such as helping with sword work, memorization, or practice in general. Visit other local Commanderies to offer your support to them.

Items of Interest:

- Several Official Visits will be held in January and February:
  - Malta No. 3, Las Vegas, January 21, 2026
  - E.C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City, February 4, 2026
  - DeWitt Clinton No. 1, Reno, February 19, 2026
  - Lahontan No. 7, Fallon, February 21, 2026
  
- York Rite Grand Sessions – Resolutions and Committee Reports are due to the Grand Recorder by March 1.

I wish you all New Year full of peace, blessings, health, and happiness.

Fraternally,

Richard Willson

Grand Commander of Nevada

*“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people” (Ephesians, 6:7, NIV)*