



# New Mexico Supplement



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Good Greetings Sir Knights!

As of the writing of this article, the New Mexico York Rite Annual Sessions are a fond memory. We conducted business, held elections, and installed officers, all in the virtual format via zoom. It was truly a team effort. Heartfelt thanks go to Sir Knights Harry Jenkins, Len Roughgarden, James Overfelt and Dion Newhouse for making sure that everything ran smoothly. Thanks go also to the installation team, Sir Knights Dion Newhouse, Richard Butterfield, Dennis Detrow, James Lamb, Harry Jenkins, Sky Olsen and Len Roughgarden.

Congratulations to Sir Knight Len Roughgarden for being recognized as a Knight Commander of the Temple in recognition of his dedication and devotion to Knight Templary. I would also like to congratulate all of the Grand Commandery officers for agreeing to serve this year. Because of your participation, time, and talents, I am confident that Knight Templary in New Mexico will continue to thrive.

I am also pleased to announce that the State of New Mexico is somewhat relaxing its COVID restrictions and due to the Edict of the Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico, more Masonic bodies are enjoying in-person meetings. I trust that you are as excited as I am to get back together and experience Knight Templary live and in person.

To that end, let us continue to discuss the Five Rs of Membership: Revitalization, Retention, Reinstatement, Recruitment, and Relevance by focusing on Revitalization. We have become somewhat sleepy during COVID and it is now time to Awake! This is the time to affirm with your members that your commandery will meet and conduct business per usual (subject to the Grand Master's Edicts).

It is never too early to begin practicing the opening and closing of Commandery. Please schedule practices now. To assist you in opening and closing and in all your Knight Templar ritual activities, I have created the Grand Commandery Office of Grand Instructor, and appointed Sir Knight Sky Olsen, Most Immediate Past Right Eminent Grand Commander to serve in this position. If you have any questions on ritual or drill, please reach out to Sir Knight Olsen and he will instruct, support, and guide you. I look forward to visiting each of your commanderies and praising you on your ritual work.

This is also the time to contact every single one of your Knights to see how they are doing and what you can do for them. Please provide them with a positive Knight Templar experience that includes engaging meetings with good ritual and an interesting program or fun activity. Please offer rides to meetings to those Knights who would appreciate that service. This is the time to reinvigorate your commandery and welcome your Knights home.

This is also the time to begin conversations with Masons who might like to join the York Rite, benefit from, and be a benefit to Knight Templary. Remember, every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.

You have probably realized that the theme of this article is: *This Is The Time*.

Finally, I wish you all a Happy Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist on June 24, 2021. I encourage all the Knights to reflect on the day and delve into the mysteries pertaining to the significance of Saint John the Baptist in relation to Masonry and Knight Templary. Looking to our ritual is always a good place to begin.

Please contact me if I may be of service in any way.

In Chivalry and Courtesy,

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### **Keep It On Your Calendar**

Jun 24, 2021 Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist

Jun 26, 2021 New Mexico MASONICon

Aug 14-18, 2021 Grand Encampment Triennial in Minneapolis, MN

Sep 25, 2021 York Rite Leadership 201, held virtually or in person

Dec 25, 2021 Christmas

Dec 27, 2021 Feast Day of Saint John the Evangelist

Jan 29, 2022 York Rite Leadership 401, held in person at Ballut Abyad Shrine

Apr 7-9, 2022 Grand York Rite of New Mexico Annual Sessions

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