

OREGON

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GRAND YORK RITE MESSAGE

Dear Sir Knights,

Now that summer is past and most Commanderies have been dark, I hope you are all well rested and ready to return to your many labors. I wish you well as you prepare and plan for the upcoming activities in the various York Rite bodies.

As you know, the three Oregon York Rite presiding officers held five informal, combined meetings around the state, following this year's Grand Sessions. Those meetings had good participation and I hope to see some of the issues that came forth in the meetings discussed and implemented by your Commanderies.

As a matter of great interest, the Oregon Voluntary Campaign for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation placed second in the nation this year! Congratulations to SK Robert Worthington, Chairman, and all the others who took an active part. It isn't possible to mention individual thanks in this article, but rest assured that your efforts toward this worthy project are greatly appreciated.

I would like to call your attention to another item. That would be the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. This is a most prestigious award, never to be taken lightly. All recipients of the award should be recognized at each Commandery Conclave. All Sir Knights are eligible for consideration to receive the award, based upon exemplary service to Templary, with the exception that a Sir Knight becomes ineligible once he has been elected (not appointed) to any elective Grand Commandery office. Please consider a worthy Sir Knight from your Commandery and submit a recommendation, including a letter of justification. Such

letter should be on your Commandery letterhead, addressed to me and signed by the Commander. It is best that the individual so recommended not be informed, nor any deliberations on the subject be conducted in his presence. All recommendations will be reviewed and, in accordance with our population, one will be selected to be honored at the Grand Session Banquet next Spring.

Also, in your Fall planning, be aware that every Commandery is expected to hold a Christmas observance. A General Order will be issued on that subject in the near future. This would be a great opportunity to publicize the upcoming Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign and possibly accumulate donations for that worthy cause.

Some information on the upcoming York Rite Festival will follow this article. Please be prepared to assist in the Festival and/or bring candidates you have ready to receive the Degrees and Orders.

Courteously,
Barry Goringe
Grand Commander

COTTAGE GROVE YORK RITE FESTIVAL

Dates: 26 and 27 September, 2008

Events: 8:00am, Registration each day, continuing as needed
9:00am – 2:30pm, Friday, Capitular Degrees
2:30pm – 5:00pm, Friday, Cryptic Degrees
6:30pm, Friday, Steak BBQ (\$10 fee required)
9:00am – 4:30pm, Saturday, Commandery Orders

Early registration for all is \$10.00, \$15.00 at the door.
Lunch is available for \$5.00 each day, payable in advance.
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