

Grand Commandery of New Mexico State News for April 2023



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Sir Knights,

The New Mexico York Rite Grand Sessions will be April 13th, 14th and 15th, with Chapter, Council and Commandery respectively. I encourage all to attend all the Grand Sessions and not just Commandery on Saturday. Grand High Priest Adam Hathaway will start the sessions off with Grand Chapter on Thursday. Thursday night is the Holy Land Pilgrimage Dinner fundraiser. Friday are the Council sessions with Grand Illustrious Master Sky Olsen. Friday night is the Grand Banquet, always a great time. Finally on Saturday will be Grand Commandery with the installation wrapping things up at 2pm. There is also the business part of the meetings. But as with many Masonic events there will be much pomp and circumstance with lots of introductions of important Sir Knights. I enjoy the sessions because it is a great chance to meet fellow Sir Knights from across the state and around the Southwest. The breaks during the day, the hotel hospitality room and the dinners provide ample time to meet new people and to catch up with old friends.

With Commandery on Saturday, April 15th will be my last day as Grand Commander. And I am going to say it: The year just flew by and Grand Sessions is coming very quickly. It has been an honor to serve as Grand Commander of New Mexico, we have a great state and a great Commandery. Part of my allocution at Grand Sessions will be the state of the Commandery in New Mexico. We are doing well. The Commandery created quite a few Sir Knights in the past year and that trend looks to continue. There is a renewed interest in York Rite and the new Sir Knights are enthusiastic about Templary and being involved with their Commandery. It is good to see all the new faces after years of Covid shutdowns. I'm sure the next Grand Commander will have a great year and I hope he enjoys the trip as much as I have.