

Grand Commandery of New Mexico State News for June 2024



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Good Knights of New Mexico, Greetings!

I hope all is well and you have begun your summer plans. Your Grand York Rite is getting ready for many events coming up this year. Our next Grand York Rite Quarterly meeting will be at Montezuma Lodge #1 in Santa Fe on July 25, 2024 at 6 pm Thursday evening before Land of Enchantment Festival (LEF). The Land of Enchantment Festival (LEF) will be held July 26-27, 2024 in Santa Fe. Registration for the LEF is now open. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact our Grand Recorder of myself. If you want to participate in any degree work, please contact our Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, James Overfelt who is the director of work for the LEF. Events coming up later in the year which you are welcome to participate in are at the following; 69th Triennial Conclave Salt Lake City, UT 17-21 August 2024, Southwest Regional Conference in Salt Lake City UT, November 1-2, 2024 and Colorado River Fall Festival, October 20-22 in Laughlin NV.

Thank you all who attended an Ascension Day (Holy Thursday) service. Within the Commandery, we honor the various important events within Christ's life on Earth, his birth, his ministry, his betrayal and death, his resurrection, and his ultimate ascension into Heaven.

For those who are unfamiliar, the Feast of the Ascension occurs 40 days after Easter, and always on Thursday. It is said that after Christ was resurrected, he returned to Earth to further explain and clarify his ministry. Remember that the resurrection was an extremely important but also completely disorienting experience for the apostles. Jesus returned and, depending on which denomination you are, he spent some time with the apostles, working with them to understand what they need to do to spread the good news or gospel. After this period was over, Christ then ascended into Heaven to be on the right hand of God, the father.

Ascension Day, unlike almost any of the other feasts, is joyous. Only Ascension Day contains both the message and ministry of Jesus as well as the joyfulness and promise of Heaven in the same feast. It's about the time to come and the message here on Earth.

It is a time of great hope and joy and it's wonderful that that time can be shared with fellow Sir Knights and their families.

"Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed nomine tuo da gloriam",

Psalm 115:1: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but to your name be the glory!"