

Companions and Sir Knights:

Due to the continuing COVID 19 health crisis and resulting limits on meetings, the Colorado Grand York Rite sessions will be held in a series of Zoom online meetings. There will be separate meetings for each of the three grand bodies. The Grand Council Session will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, September 11th. The Grand Commandery Session will begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 12th, and the Grand Chapter Session will begin at 4 PM on Saturday, Sept 12th. It is anticipated that each Grand Session will take approximately 2 hours. For each of the sessions, the tech team will open each meeting one hour prior to that body's meeting start time. **Important note – Voting Delegates must be logged on to each session at least 30 minutes prior to the start time for credentialing to ensure you will be eligibility to vote. Late arrivals may not receive a ballot.**

Just as at our regular Grand Sessions, **registration is required for all attendees.** Attendance at each meeting requires a separate registration using the following links:

Grand Chapter – <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsf--gqTMpG9AYbX07W62bzur9Fgix8au2>

Grand Council – <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlud-CtrDktGNf N-cXrQ7PphZQmrILzkVF>

Grand Commandery – <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAod-uhrTspGdCD6gHApQeaB9OnG iFFTrE>

The **Deadline for registration** for all three bodies is midnight on **September 1, 2020**. For our credentials committee to verify your identify vote eligibility you **MUST** use your full legal first and last name as it appears on your membership cards. (No nicknames). Once your registration has been verified, you will receive an email with your assigned login information for that session. **DO NOT SHARE** your login information. If two people attempt to use the same login, the system will eject both parties from the meeting, invalidate the login and you will not be able to rejoin the meeting.

There are technical requirements to register and to participate in the Sessions. You must have an email address, a web browser and a computer, tablet or smart phone with a camera and microphone, and speakers or headset. You must be able to use those technologies. There is no 'phone dial in access' capability due to tiling and credentialing requirements. If you cannot attend because you do not have the technology, you may assign a proxy.

If you have voting rights and are not able to attend or do not have the technical ability to participate, you may assign your proxy. To assign your proxy, you must register and name your proxy on the appropriate registration form. Once you have done that, the proxy holder must go online and register as a proxy voter. Please remember that in Grand Commandery sessions, we are limited to one vote per member, no multiple votes, so choose your proxy accordingly. Proxy holders must be from the same local body as the Companion/Sir Knight granting the proxy. For those needing to assign a proxy without going through the registration process, contact the Grand Secretary/Recorder for an alternative. This alternative will depend on our postal service, so do not delay.

We will be holding two training meetings prior to the Sessions in preparation. It is recommended that all attendees participate in one or both of these trainings, as we will be walking through the entire process of what you will experience and need to know to participate in the Sessions. These trainings will include Zoom training, the balloting process and how to cast your ballot, muting, non-verbal gestures, the 'chat' function, and etc. Unfortunately, we will **NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THE DAY OF OR DURING THE SESSIONS**, so please make sure to attend. These training sessions will be held on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00pm and Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00pm. Register for these training sessions using these links:

Aug 25th - https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArduqhpjkiHNZGzvwrCKTCZUTANiNQxy_1

Sept 2nd - <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scOisrj4qGdJhZAdwXvrZvt3QYUxXonqDq>

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