



## Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour

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Date: June 4, 2020  
To: All Knights of the York Cross of Honour  
From: D. Allen Surratt, Registrar General  
Re: 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave

Dear Knights of the York Cross of Honour,

The Policy Committee of Convent General has looked at the updated data and opinions of public health experts and community officials concerning the Coronavirus during the time of our Annual Conclave, August 27-29, 2020. Based on the projections of the virus, we are having to make the following changes to the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

1. The traditional Annual Conclave of Convent General has been cancelled.
2. The 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave has been turned into three separate virtual meetings. The Policy Committee which consists of the Offices of Convent General and all Past Grand Master Generals will meet on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM (NOON) EDT. Personal Representatives are requested to join this meeting at 1:00 PM. EDT. The Registrars meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 3:00 PM. EDT. The 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour will take place on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM (NOON) EDT. The Memorial Service for all departed Knights will follow the conclusion of the Annual Conclave. The York Cross of Honour Medical Research Foundation will immediately follow the conclusion of the Memorial Service.
3. Closer to the meetings, all necessary documentation of items to be considered during the virtual meetings and the access information will be sent to you well in advance of these meetings. **Please ensure that the Convent General office has your correct email address. Also, please acknowledge receipt of the**

**information upon receipt.** Anyone who may experience difficulty in joining the meetings will be furnished a telephone number to obtain assistance. **All Officer and Committee Reports are to be filed with the office no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. All voting members must register with the Convent General Office no later than August 15, 2020.** A registration form will be provided.

4. Constituent Pories may use virtual meetings for the purpose of electing and conducting the Installation of Officers and if necessary, they can use an abbreviated service. However, if your Grand Lodge does not allow this type of meeting or service, you cannot use this format.

Based on the information provided by public health professionals and recent governmental extension of existing public health orders, the Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour determined that the safety of the attendees, their families and the communities could not be reasonably provided on or before the start of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave in Indianapolis, Indiana and therefore made these changes to the Conclave, due to the hazards of safely hosting it.

Most Eminent Grand Master-General Gary G. Wyne is extremely sorry that he will not be able to personally welcome you to Indianapolis, Indiana this year to renew old friendships and to make new ones.

Again, we apologize for this great inconvenience. Please stay safe in your community and may God Bless each of you and your families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Fraternally,



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Grand Registrar General