



## *Wyoming Supplement*

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From the Apartment of the Grand Commander

As we move into February I would like to ask all of our Fraters to look around their Commandery and see who is missing when you open a Conclave. I am sure that there are some of our Sir Knights missing. Weather, infirmities, and personal time conflicts have depleted our ranks. Call a Sir Knight that missed your last Conclave and check on him. See if he needs a ride to your Conclave and make him feel that he was missed and needed. Without our Sir Knights in attendance we don't have them to participate in our drill and formal activities. We need their input and ideas as to improving the direction we want to move forward.

Set down with the Sir Knights in your Commandery and develop a multiyear plan for goals and objectives. The plans should cover membership retention and growth, budgetary solvency, and Commandery leadership. We need to know where we are, before we can move forward. Doing the same thing each year does not let our Officers see what we have done and let them work a plan for the future with measurable goals and objectives they can work to complete and those that follow them can use a building blocks for their plans.

The "festival season" is in full swing. Our Sir Knights are the keys for getting the Commandery Orders performed with

style and professionalism. As I pen this message I am proud to see our Order grow. The Central Wyoming Festival has at least four candidates for the degrees and orders as of December 2019. I look forward to meeting and welcoming them into the Wyoming York Rite Family. We help the Chapter and Council as they confer the degrees and it is important to get our petitions in for new members to reach our goals. We must do proficient work so our new members will be enthusiastic to participate and ultimately bring in new Sir Knights. The York Rite has a long tradition of excellent Ritual work. Let us respect our order and do the best possible work.

Most Worshipful Thomas F. Hamm, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Wyoming A.F. & A.M. held his Winter Reunion on January 18, 2020 in Riverton. Many Sir Knights attended the informational meetings where presentations were given on finances, history, and growth. The Sir Knights of Wyoming were very active in this event and discussions.

February is a time to recognize our loved ones and share the sentiment of love and affection by the exchanging of Valentine's Day cards. It is also a time to honor the women in our lives. Without them we would be hard pressed to accomplish the things we do for our order.

On December 12, 2019 I visited Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7 and was honored to present Sir Knight James Edward Woodward his 50-year membership certificate and pin. SK Woodward addressed the gathering about his travels within the Masonic Family and the changes he has seen in our bodies. He stated he would not have missed the voyage and the friends he has made. A fifty-year Sir Knight is a gold mine of information that needs to be tapped by his Commandery for his knowledge of history within our Order and the masonic family.

In His Service, SK William A. Biggs, RE Grand Commander