

Sir Knights:

As we begin the new year and make our list of New Year's Resolutions it seems like we just did it not that long ago. So, I think that we all should add one more item to the list. I will seek out a worthy man and invite him to petition my lodge and make him a Master Mason, follow him through the Chapter and Council and see him Knighted as a Christian Templar. Follow and mentor him from the beginning. Never lose sight or contact. Give to him the support, encouragement and confidence in what he is doing, and the end result will be tremendous. A Mason and a Sir Knight of the highest quality. We have over three thousand Sir Knights in Illinois. If half of those Knights were to mentor a man every other year, we would show a significant growth in our membership. There is a vast number of good qualified men seeking further light in their lives and it is our job to seek them out and give to them the great opportunities that we have to offer.

It is a great fraternity don't be afraid to share it. That is my New Year's Resolution and I hope that you will try to do the same.

May you all have a Prosperous and Happy New Year

William J. Farris, Grand Commander

January Inspections

Saturday, January 4th

Galesburg No. 8 Second Division 200 South E. Street, Monmouth

Trinity No. 80 First Division 34 West Jefferson, Naperville

Saturday, January 11th

Belvidere No. 2 Fifth Division 1513 Washington Avenue, Alton

Macomb No. 56 Third Division 1331/2 South Randolph Street, Macomb

Silangan No. 93 First Division 6909 West Grand Avenue, Chicago

Saturday, January 18th

Rock Island No. 18 Second Division 414 West 1st Avenue, Milan

Calvary No. 25 First Division Rt. 14 and Ross Street, Cary

Saturday, January 25th

Aurora No. 22 Second Division 710 N. Highland Ave., Aurora

St. Aldemar No. 47 Third Division 125 South 5th Street, Petersburg

Sir Knights; each of these Commaderies would appreciate your assistance. They would be grateful if you could fill a station, form the lines or just be on the sideline to offer your support. We all remember when we were Knighted, seeing the number of Sir Knights present to wish us well. Let us remember to do the same to each of these new Sir Knights.

Each of these new Sir Knights is our future. if we impress them, they will be encouraged to share that experience with their friends. The welcome that they receive will be a great encouragement to them to share their York Rite Experience with those lodge brothers of their acquaintance. Masonry is the sharing of the experience of one brother to one future member.