

SK Robert C. Hager, KCT Right Eminent Grand Commander January 2020



Knightly Greetings,

The 2019 year wrapped up with some very pleasant duties for me. In addition to attending several Christmas observances and holiday activities throughout the state, we had the honor of presenting veteran service awards to several deserving Sir Knights:

- Paul Elwood Perkins Reed #6 70-year plaque
- William Keith Dern Raper #19 70-year plaque
- Charles William Billow Akron #25 70-year plaque
- Clay Pearce Hepler Eu-Tah #66 70-year plaque
- Jay Ward Spitler Valley #80 70-year plaque
- Hubert Warren Kleason Cuyahoga Falls #83 70-year plaque

Except for SK Perkins, who requested we mail his plaque, all of the others were presented to the Sir Knights at their places of residence, including one in Valrico, Florida!

We also presented 65-year pins to SK Arthur Goodspeed (Massillon #4) and SK Richard Rose (Columbian #52). Recognizing these fraters for their many years of service and hearing the stories they share with us is truly one of the great pleasures of this office. Sir Knights, if you are holding service awards in your Commanderies, please present them to your members as soon as possible. Invite your Division Commander, Deputy Division Commander and local Grand Officers to participate, to make these occasions extra special.

With all of our Commanderies now at 100% Life Sponsors in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, it is time for us to take the next logical step and look at ways to keep us there. One method that the Grand Officers and I are already recommending to all our Commanderies is to increase fees for petitions and affiliations by \$30 to cover the cost of Life Sponsorships for new members.

This method would not cost any current member or any Commandery one cent out-of-pocket. Consider this, Sir Knights – if a \$30 increase in the price of a petition is too much for a man who says he wants to join your Commandery, you need to wonder what value that man really puts on being a dues-paying member in this Christian Order.

Inspection Season begins this month. I encourage all Sir Knights and Ladies to support the inspections in your Commanderies and Divisions. Here are some upcoming 2020 inspections:

January 4	No.	Insp. Off	Banquet	FFO	Order	Division
Reed	6	Boner	12:00	12/3/19	1:30	WC
Toledo **	7	Pugh	12:00	1:30	3:00	NW
January 11						
Canton	38	Olson	5:30	4:30	2:00	NC
Eu-Tah ++	66	Ganion	12:00	1:30	3:00	NW
Valley	80	Gault	12:00	1:30	2:45	WC
January 18						
St. John's	20	Windnagel	4:00	5:00	2:00	NE
Findlay	49	Kern	12:00	12/11/19	1:30	NW
Middletown	71	Edmiston	6:00	2:00	3:30	SW
Medina	84	Pugh	5:30	4:30	2:00	NC
January 25						
Mt. Vernon	1	Johnson	12:00	12/17/19	1:30	EC
Eagle	29	Roth	4:00	5:00	2:00	NE
Highland	31	Rentz	12:00	1/23/20	1:30	SW
Forest City	40	Williams	12:00	1:00	2:30	NC
February 1						
DeMolay	9	Siegel	12:00	1:30	3:00	NW
Hanselmann	16	Ganion	12:00	1/16/20	1:30	SW
Coleman	17	Edmiston	12:00	12/23/19	1:30	WC
Mansfield	21	Exline	5:30	4:30	2:00	NC
Marietta **	50	Olson	4:30	1/2/20	2:00	SE

<sup>++</sup> Red Cross \*\* REGC Official Visitation

Lady Del and I look forward to seeing you at the inspections and in all our travels throughout the state.

Courteously and fraternally,

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