



## *Wyoming Supplement*

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*From the Apartment of the Grand Commander*

*Sir Knights:*

Greetings! Things are a changing. July is here with lots of folks planning vacations, cookouts, Independence Day celebrations and lots of other extracurricular activities. Please be mindful that schools are out and there will be a lot of extra people on the streets. Take care of yourselves and be safe during the Holidays. It is a time when most of our lodges “Go Dark” but activities continue. By this time, all your Annual Reports should be in, the recommendations for awards sent off to Grand Encampment and our databases brought up to speed. Keep in mind, this is the time our Grand Recorders are formalizing and finalizing the pre-printed reports for Grand Session. I continue to support Commandery visibility within the boundaries of Grand Encampment and within the guidelines of General Order No. 12 in an effort to make Knights Templar better known around the state. Communicate with your Worshipful Masters to develop awareness of our craft both within the Blue Lodge and in the community.

Wheatland Lodge outdoor Kennedy Ranch meeting is still scheduled for July 11, 2020. Our 2020 Independence Rock meeting has been postponed until 2021. The Grand Lodge schedule is posted on the GL website and the Annual Communication will not be held in Laramie this year. The Annual Communication has been postponed with a tentative date of Saturday August 29, 2020 set. The event and event date will be overwhelmingly influenced by the most current Statewide Public Health Order #2.

I continue to advocate that we PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE our tactics through the months we are “dark”. We must follow the guidance of General Order No.12 but we can still do some things. I remain overwhelmed that we knighted 17 Sir Knights at our festivals this year. Outstanding! Keep up the good work. I would also request that all our Commandries plan on

conducting their own degree work for the coming year. If we start a regular schedule of degree work, our prospective candidates will not have to wait an entire year to join our Order. By working in our Commandries, we will improve and become more proficient in our own knowledge of the craft. I would dearly love to continue the trend we have set this year.

I would remind you all there are other major events that are coming up: outdoor Masonic Meetings and even though it is a couple of months later, the Northwest Department Conference in Boise, Idaho. We should plan ahead to attend. There is so much information and “light” to be had by attending these functions. We should be prepared to execute activities; it is much easier to cancel plans than to do last minute execution

Sir Knights, I stand ready to assist you in any way I can. Our gentle craft can only grow better because of YOUR efforts. You make the difference in our craft and I remain ready to help any way I can. Thank you all again for your hard work and dedication.

With the guidance in General Order No. 12 we will not be having a traditional Wyoming Grand York Rite session in Sheridan September 17 – 20, 2020. The Grand Commandery Conclave will be conducted via ZOOM or teleconference. Chapter and Council are working on a way to do a pared down session. Information will be on [www.yorkritewy.org](http://www.yorkritewy.org) as final plans are completed. We need all Sir Knights to be involved in Wyoming Grand Commandery Leadership.

*In His Service,*

*William A. Biggs*

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