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From the Apartment of the Grand Commander Sir Knights:

Time is moving rapidly, and it seems that there are so many things to focus on. We are looking forward to "York Rite Festivals", "Spring in the Rockies, the "Ides of March", and "Easter celebrations".

As we move into March the "festival season" is in full swing. The Central Wyoming Festival (Casper and Riverton) greeted four companions and three received their Templar Orders. There is one Companion from the Central Wyoming Festival going to Sheridan's Festival to receive his Templar Orders. Sheridan, at last count had four to six candidates to receive the Chapter and Council Degrees and Templar Orders on March 7, 2020. This will show an increase of ten Sir Knights for these events. The Companions of the Cheyenne Chapter and Council and Sir Knights of Ivanhoe Commandery completed the Degrees and Orders for three new Companions and Sir Knights. This will show an overall growth of thirteen new and eager Sir Knights. Our Companions and Sir Knights of Wyoming do excellent work for new members and I appreciate all that they have done. As I pen this message, I am proud to see our Order grow.

Spring in the Rockies is when our communities thaw out and spring begins to warm the earth, trees and flowers begin to show their new foliage. Wildlife brings new life into the world and we admire their antics as they learn to navigate their new world. We use this time of year to reinvigorate ourselves and thank our Lord for his wonderful acts.

The Ides of March are a reminder of the betrayal of one and the consequences that resulted. Our ancient Order was betrayed by Phillip the Fair of France and Pope Clement the Fifth. Our ancestral Order has weathered the storm and have been keeping the faith. Their integrity and keeping our tactics alive have been key to our success. I ask each Sir Knight to remember from whence we came and how we continue to set

the example for our future.

The Easter celebration is so special to us all. It is a time for religious observances that bring us together with our family to remember that Jesus Christ gave his life for us. The resurrection and ascension are the amazing parts of his story that lets us, as Christian Knights, rejoice in the renewal of our Lord and Savior. Remember our ritual and how it moved us as we received our Orders and as we pass them on to new Sir Knights. The Western States Easter Observance AD 2020 will be celebrated in Denver Colorado on April 12, 2020 at the Denver Scottish Rite Consistory. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Denver Downtown. Registration and event information can be found at www.wseo-denver.com. This would be a great opportunity for our Wyoming Sir Knights to join other Knights in the western states to celebrate Easter.

We, as Sir Knights are an example in our communities of Christian Knights and the long history, we have supported the Christian religion. Remember this and stand tall for what we represent. Be proud to share our order to others and dispel the rumors that are not true about our Order. I am very proud of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming and all that we have accomplished so far in this Templar year. We have far more to complete and it will take us all to complete our mission.

In His Service,

SK William A. Biggs Right Eminent Grand Commander

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