



Wyoming Supplement

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From the Apartment of the Grand Commander

Sir Knights:

As I pen this supplement in March, I am concerned about the health emergency that this Nation, State, and Community is facing. Every Sir Knight in Wyoming is taking care of their family and friends as we should do. We will survive this pandemic and will be stronger in the end.

May is the time when our Commandries are electing their new leadership for 2020 – 2021. We meet to advance those in our lines to higher levels of leadership and select newer Sir Knights to become involved in the leadership and followership of the Commandery. Why do I say followership? To become a good leader, you must learn to follow those above us and learn how they do things to improve the operation of the Commandery; how they set goals for those within the Commandery to prosper.

To gain the growth we must have a plan to see where we are and how we want to get to the success of the Order. In many Commandries I have seen we are recycling the same members into our elected lines. We need to break this cycle and add new individuals to do new things and have the “Old Guard” teach the new line where we have come from and how we got there. We then need to give them the tools to help them plan and execute their own plans for success. As experienced leaders we need to encourage new innovations and ideas. Mentor, guide, and encourage the plans that should contain new ideas and concepts. When we entered leadership positions, we followed someone’s example. We did not have all the answers; we made mistakes and learned from them. We were given good council and were asked to examine what we wanted to do and how we wanted to get to where we wanted to go. These are the qualities of a good leader and follower.

We as Sir Knights need to have a determination to improve our position within our Order and let our new and or younger Sir

Knights have an input in the journey of our Commandery. With this said I wish all the Commandries in the Wyoming Grand Commandery success in electing their new leadership for 2020 – 2021. We have so many good Knights and their potential needs to be used for the betterment of Knights Templar. Our new Sir Knights are an untapped source of energy. Put them to work.

May is also the time when High School commencement activities happen. The youth of Wyoming are transitioning into new challenges. As opportunities present themselves congratulate our new graduates and encourage them to look to the future. The youth are our future and we need to encourage them to continue their growth through additional education; trades; and life experiences.

May is also when we celebrate, to honor “Memorial Day”. We remember those that have gone before us. Our family roots. Where we came from and how our forefathers came to give us our heritage. We are the sum of what they gave to us. If an opportunity presents itself our Sir Knights could be a color guard at a memorial service; assist with decorating the graves of our forefathers and remember what they have given us. At our conclaves remember those that have passed this year and offer comfort to the widows and children of our fallen Sir Knights. Please remember our fallen soldiers as they have given all for our freedom

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” – Albert Schweitzer

In His Service,

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