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Greetings Sir Knights!

January proved to be a very busy month full of highs and lows. While I cannot list all that has happened in this short article, I will take a moment to reflect on a few notable moments below.

The Grand Commandery of Ohio lost two Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight Arthur (Bud) D. Michael Jr. passed away on New Year's Eve and Sir Knight John R. Clime passed away on January 23rd. Sir Knight Michael served as the Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2004 and Sir Knight Clime in 2011. Both served the Craft with distinction and will be dearly missed.

On Monday, January 3rd, Sir Knights Dale A. Olson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Ronald L. Ensell, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, and I attended Covert Commandery No. 43 in Cincinnati to show our support for the Sir Knights of the Commandery during a difficult time. This was the day of their funeral services for Sir Knight John Disney, Past Commander as well as the day the Sir Knights of Covert Commandery No. 43 voted to merge and was later accepted by Cincinnati Commandery No. 3.

On Tuesday, January 4th, Sir Knight David G. Weimer, Most Illustrious Grand Master, and I made a surprise visit to Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 64 in Lyndhurst to observe several new members receive the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. It was a great day and we enjoyed being with the Sir Knights of the North Central Division.

My Lady Pam and I had the pleasure of attending several Commandery Inspections in January including Reed Commandery No. 6 in Dayton which was an official visit to the Southwestern Division, Canton Commandery No. 38 in Canton, Forest City Commandery No. 40 which was an official visit to the North Central Division, and Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83. While at Forest City Commandery, I particularly enjoyed Sir Knight Robert Childers receiving his Grand Prelate Emeritus shoulder boards.

On Tuesday, January 25th I had the distinct honor of working with our Eminent Prior of Ohio Priory, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, Grand Master of Grand Council, as well as several Grand Officers from each of these bodies in a conferral of the Order of the Temple on Sir Knight Bret Hoover at Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83. This was a great night and a fantastic example of collaboration between the York Rite Bodies. Lady Mallory Grafton was also there and did a Ladies Program while the Sir Knights were all in the meeting and a good time was had by all.

I am excited to hear the DeMolay Cooperation Committee is work with DeMolay Chapters from across the state to sponsor a DeMolay prospect party in each Division. The Grand Commandery of Ohio has budgeted up to \$200 in

matching funds per Division for this initiative in the hopes of a successful program. As details come out about the prospect parties around the state, we call on all Sir Knights to promote the support of DeMolay and the success of these prospect parties which will be a fun event for young men between the ages of 12 and 21 by inviting their sons, grandsons, great grandsons, nephews, and all of their friends to attend and have a good time.

I am also looking forward to Ohio participating in the nationwide Easter Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. We are planning to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 1:15 PM on Saturday, April 16, 2022 located in Arlington Cemetery as well as the Easter Sunrise Service Sunday morning at George Washington Masonic Memorial. This year we will march from the parking lot instead of up Shooter's Hill to allow for anyone who would not be able to make it up the hill to be able to participate. I am excited that Ohio has reserved a block of rooms at a very nice hotel in Old Town Alexandria for Easter weekend which is only a couple of minutes from the George Washington Masonic Memorial and just a couple of blocks from King Street. These hotels fill up very fast, so I recommend making room reservations as soon as possible. If you would like more details, please contact me as soon as possible.

Lady Pam and I wish you all safe travels and hope to see you in our travels!

Sincerely and fraternally,

George Edmiston III, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery of Ohio

As we enter February and Valentine's Day, this is a good time to recognize our ladies who support us so much throughout the year in so many ways.

"Being married is like having somebody permanently in your corner. It feels limitless, not limited."

Gloria Steinem

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