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Happy New Year Sir Knights

As your Grand Commander it was my privilege to attend many of your Christmas Observances. I was impressed with the fellowship and camaraderie of each group of Sir Knights. Some of you included your ladies as I had asked. It was fun for me and my lady to attend each observance with you, but more importantly thank you for sharing with us your friendship. Wyoming is blessed to have such great people in our ranks all over our state.

My staff is starting to do their inspections and I ask that you welcome them into your conclaves. I was present when Sir Knight Jake Stetler was presented a proficiency ribbon by Inspector General Chris Schroeder. Well done Sir Knight Stetler. Those ribbons are not handed out all that often. It is something that each Sir Knight should strive for when it is his turn in the East. I personally awarded a Sir Knight a White Star ribbon in my own Commandery to longtime member and past Eminent Commander Sir Knight Anthony Lee Fuller. Sir Knight Fuller is at every meeting and every practice and is an example of a true Christian Knight. He is active in the community, his lodge and is always available. He was a very popular schoolteacher in Wheatland.

With the consent of Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson, Grand Master of Grand Encampment I presented Sir Knights Otto Uecker and James Sturdevant with Honorary Past Grand Commander shoulder boards at their respective Commandery Christmas Observances. These two Sir Knights served our Grand Commandery for many years and worked very hard for the success of our group. They had already received Emeritus Status, but I wanted more than that for them and Sir Knight Johnson readily approved my suggestion. At the Hugh DePayne Commandery Observance we presented Sir Knight Otto with his shoulder boards. Present at the meeting were Grand Master Johnson, Grand Prelate Beynon St. John and myself. It was nice to be able to hear the Grand Master's Christmas response in person! Sir Knight Johnson is the first Grand Master of Grand Encampment from Wyoming.

Sir Knight Sturdevant was presented his shoulder boards by his wife Debbie and my wife, Charlyn both members of the Social Order of the Beauceant. It was a great evening in Sheridan with a large turnout of ladies and Sir Knights.



“Congratulations and thank you to Sir Knight Sturdevant for your years of service”!

Hats off to the Sir Knights of Clelland Commandery in Douglas who once again participated in Wreaths Across America. The Sir Knights helped place hundreds of wreaths on veteran’s graves at the cemetery there. Good Job Sir Knights!

Mark your calendars for the Casper York Rite Festival to be held on January 22, 2022. Registration starts at 7:30. A light breakfast is always provided. The Chapter degrees start at 8:15 followed by a lunch hosted by the Ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Cost of the meal is \$15.00 with the proceeds going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Dana Deuel is the chairman of this annual event. Planning is underway for the Western Wyoming York Rite Association Festival to be held February 26th in Marbleton. The Sir Knights on the western side of the State assure me more information will be forthcoming.

The Grand Commandery is hosting a reception and dinner for our Grand Lodge Officers after the Grand Master’s Winter Reunion. This will be in Riverton on January 15th. The dinner will be at the Reach Center after the Reunion, the cost of the meal is \$20.00. There are room blocks available so please check with your recorders for more information.

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