



## UTAH SUPPLEMENT

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### March Message

During the educational this month in my blue lodge this month, Past Master, Companion, and Sir Knight Jayson Carlson discussed showing charity towards all mankind most especially a brother mason. It made me think of something I previously wrote so I thought it would be worth restating:

Can't be Brothers/Sir Knight without the friendship. We all remember high school. Where friendship clicks, were what defines you as a person. Yes, we were all defined as "Utes", "Aggies", "Cougars", "T-bird", "Caveman", "Miners", etc. But what tied us to our school identity was our friendship. The same is true in freemasonry and the York Rite.

Have you ever been told or ever told a fellow Brother "We are Brothers but not friends." That is like saying "We are T-birds but not friends" and putting freemason on the same level as your high school experience. I am here to tell you my brothers and sir Knights, that this is wrong! Brotherly love and Friendship go together! They are hand in glove!

Freemasonry/York Rite are unique organizations where brotherly love and friendship means we work hard to move past our issues, even harder than we would with a best friend, a spouse, a parent, a sibling, etc. We aren't some high school organization that has clicks. If you have ever said this, or thought this, I suggest you have some changing and repenting to do. I know this will be hard to hear and accept for some.

We aren't some high and mighty judgmental organization where we have the popular click getting to judge everyone else. Remember, we say we are "ALL on the level" and thus we should have brotherly love and friendship towards all. That is why we don't talk religion or politics (maybe not sports either, lol).