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Sir Knights,

Happy Halloween!

As the last of summer finally gives way to winter, and the last of autumn colors hit the ground, now more than ever is a great time to reach out to that special someone, put another log on the fire, snuggle up, and appreciate the blessings the Lord has given us.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." -Ronald Regan.
This is because human memory is so short. We cannot appreciate what we don't earn, and we cannot give historical perspective to what we are not taught. Right now, our collages are full of children, our children, OUR FUTURE who do not know history, being programed by people who are actively erasing it.

"Never forget"!

So many of us wear the Forget-me-not to commemorate all the men and women killed in the Holocaust, yet only 75 years later there are "protesters" combing a Russian airport looking for Jewish and Israeli travelers. Elected leaders leading anti-Israeli protests on campus, and collage association websites are actively calling for people to follow Jews home and "slit their throat".

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2023/10/30/cornell-university-sends-police-to-jewish-center-after-violent-antisemitic-messages-posted-online/>

Stay vigilant Sir Knights. All religion is under attack. Don't think that just because we are in Wyoming, we are safe from the madness outside.

In October the Knights of Ivanhoe #2 in Rawlins voted to consolidate with Hugh DePayen #7 in Riverton, and the Sir Knights of Hugh DePayen accepted. Although this is a sad moment, it is also an example of Brotherly love coming home. The story of the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe traveling through the winter to deliver the regalia for Hugh DePayen, as cornicled in the proceedings of the 15th Annual Conclave (linked below), is one of, if not the most moving stories in Wyoming Masonry. The consolidation of these two fine groups is historically appropriate. I commend the men of these Commanderies for facing a hard decision and taking the appropriate steps to preserve their rich history. The Grand Commandery stands behind you!

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:29d03412-91e7-388f-8f40-55b0c9e6a3ee>

This year I had the honor of presenting a Holy Land Pilgrimage to Mathew Fox, a Minister in Douglas...just in time for Israel to seal its borders. This is an amazing program we offer. We pay the way of a Minister to the Holy Land. They walk the steps of Christ and see where it all happened. When they come back, they are so energized and motivated! (Not to mention in much better shape!)

The pilgrimages have been postponed until 2025, but Mathew is teed up when we resume. Even knowing that, the energy and enthusiasm in the congregation was amazing. This experience so reminded me of my little start up church as a child. There is a strong sense of community in the Church, and I am sure his ministry will grow!

I want to offer a special thanks to the SKs who came out to Douglas to help; your dedication is appreciated. It is unfortunately rare that we appear in uniform in public, and a good showing at a local church is the best way to reach the men who will find value in our Craft. Whenever possible, I enjoy upon you to attend a local church service as a group, in uniform. (Check with the Pastor first and leave the swords at home!)

Yours in Service,

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If you know, you know. 😊