



## GRAND COMMANDERY OF WYOMING

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Fraters,

What a long, strange trip it's been...and it is finally here!

Nine years ago, I joined the progressive line of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, and now we are here. Thank you for the trust that has allowed me to continue this journey.

As an Order, we face unprecedented challenges, not only in terms of numbers, but in terms of men with the will, vigor, and time to take on the labor that keeps us moving. At our last Grand Sessions, an amazing Brother laid down the working tools of his offices, that of Secretary/Recorder for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council and I can only pray that he enjoys the fruits of his labors before he lays down the working tools of life. God Bless you Ken and Diane. That has left our faithful Grand Recorder Ken Humphrey filling all three Grand Recorder positions. We have been looking for a Grand Recorder for Grand Chapter and Council

several years, and I charge you to look, both around and in yourself, for a person of capacity. Likewise, the Recorders of the local Commanderies are integral to the function of the Order. Without you, everything grinds to a halt. This is a position of immense importance, and I salute you all.

There are no fast and easy answers, and we must adjust our operating model to exist. We all know “how do you eat an elephant”! And likewise, our numbers will be replenished one man at a time. More-so in Templary than any other Masonic Order, mentorship is key, and appropriate. Find that young Sir Knight, show him the things you think are obvious, and he will listen and thank you. Bring him to the Grand Sessions so he feels engaged and needed. Drill and sword work are fun when done with confidence, intimidating when poorly instructed and unsure. Every meeting, perform as much of the opening as you can, with the men you have. Practice some sword drills, that will instill a sense of confidence and contribution by all Sir Knights.

Please submit nominations for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. This is this highest honor we can bestow and can only be awarded to Sir Knights at the recommendation of the Eminent Commander. In every area there is a SK who stands out. Take the time to write up a nomination and recognize those who take on the work.

Yours in service,  
SK Chis Schroeder GC