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Sir Knights,

This will be my final supplement before the Grand Sessions in Sheridan Sept. 12 - 15, and I want to thank each of you for allowing me this honor.

This year has been full of challenges, but challenges that we faced and will overcome. We have had a couple of Commanderies consolidate, and we have had national level politics.

As most of you may know, Grand Master Mike Johnson was removed from office at a Special Conclave in Ft. Wayne IN. Wyoming passed a resolution of no confidence in the sitting officer line and challenged the validity of the Conclave. We requested it be adjudicated at the next Triennial.

The Triennial is over, and now we deal with the repercussions.

One of the highlights was the reception of Mexico into the Grand Encampment.



The lowlight was when our grievance was ruled out of order and found to have no merit. The Committee dismissed it with prejudice, which means the issue of the legitimacy of the Special Conclave cannot be contested again. Although not required, I was invited by the Committee to come up and discuss the issues with them. We talked for almost an hour, and although productive, I left without a strong feeling of where this was going.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that a committee be formed from both the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery of Wyoming to explore the best path forward, and I intend to make that happen. Personally, I believe Sir Knight Johnson's actions to be within the scope of his office, the events of Ft. Wayne highly irregular and in no way meeting the "Brotherly Love" test; however, we are bound by the will of the Craft assembled. If you are reading this, please send me an email, I have a gift for you at Sessions. I will get copies of both the Jurisprudence report and the Grievance committee report and have them available at Grand Sessions.

Every man out there must make his own decisions, but for me, the issue is now moot. Although I recognize Mike Johnson as the rightful Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, I will work to continue Christian Masonry in Wyoming. A wise man said that a Nation divided against itself cannot stand, and, I will add, what we offer is more important than this moment, which will soon be passing history.

We face challenges but challenges we can overcome. A great example:

At Grand Lodge I was asked to help DeMolay with the flag presentation. A couple

of the young men had been recruited at the last moment. (That never happens, right?) After a few drills all was coming together, when one young man stated it was hard, but “DeMolay can do hard”! Sir Knights let's pull our motivation from this spontaneous declaration of intent. Times are hard, but Wyoming Templars **can do hard!!!**

In the last week I have represented the Grand Commandery of Wyoming at Grand Lodge, South Pass Historic Lodge #1869, and Triennial. Next week I will be at the Colorado Grand Sessions and finally, our own.

WHEW!

What a long, strange trip it's been!

On behalf of my Lady Irene and I, thank you for allowing me this journey of growth.

See you in Sheridan!

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