



NEWS for October 2024
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Sir Knights—

I feel very fortunate and blessed to be in the position I am in. I am able to travel to places I never thought I would be, whether it be a conference in Salt Lake City, All Masonic Week in DC (which I have yet to do) or an official visit across the state. In September I had the honor of visiting with the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe and Rainer Commandries. Both visitations I was made to feel welcome and the Sir Knights gave their best. Probably one of the coolest things I was able to do this year was on the 14th of September I had the privilege of constituting Falls City Commandry #30. This was this 1st Commandry to be added to our State in 77 years. There were close to 40 Sir Knights and guests in attendance. I thank Sir Knight Jamie Speicher for having me install him as well as his team. He also allowed me the honor of turning on their Templar light for the first official meeting.

So, my question is: What did Fraternalism used to be and what is it now? We live in a day where we are constantly rushed to get things done or to get to places. Our time is cut short for activities because of other obligations that have to come first. So, we cut back on things we used to do that really helped to build fraternalism. But we also make up for it in the compassion we show one another in the time we do have. My year has been about education, fraternalism and

revisiting the past. My coin has the slogan "In the darkest hour when the demons come, call on me Brother, and we will fight them together". In my opinion I feel the best time for any Commandry is around the kitchen table. I hope your Commandry can take the time to gather for dinner before a meeting or refreshments after the meeting. I really think more gets done there than in any meeting. I also think it is a great idea to involve the family maybe once a month or quarter have a potluck, and definitely invite them to your Christmas Observance make a night of it and make it for them.

I think Fraternalism is alive and well in our jurisdiction. Don't forget we are looking for people to form a statewide drill team. Please Contact John Vivian and let him know you are interested.

And last but not least be well and God Bless you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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