

NEVADA SUPPLEMENT

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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

Easter this year is on April 12th. It is a time when all Christian Knights should reflect on and cherish the Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ. All Sir Knights are admonished to attend an Easter service, whether at your local Commandery or your house of worship.

The following article is the second in a series contributed by SK Alan Troland. Enjoy.

Back in the 1860's when gold mining was in its heyday and during the hot summer days, plus working in the hot mines, there was a man who offered relief to tired and sweaty miners. That Mason was Sir Knight John Wagner, who started the first brewery in the State of Nevada in 1860 in Carson City.

John Wagner was born March 13, 1825 in the village Kriegsfeld, Rhein Pfalz, Bayern. In 1848, John left Germany for the United States. The next year, the rest of his family also came to the US, settling on a farm near Ragersville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. By the 1860 census, 33-year-old John was in Carson City, before the state of Nevada had been established. He lived with three other single men, all brewers. The National Park Service credits John Wagner with founding the Carson Brewing Company in 1860. It became "Nevada's longest-operating brewery." The brewery is now open as an art center, museum, and bar.

John Wagner died October 12, 1908 and is buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery. The Carson City Daily Appeal newspaper called him "one of the sturdy pioneers of the state" and "one of the oldest and best-known residents of Carson City." His estate was estimated "to be worth in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars."

John Wagner was knighted December 13, 1867 by De Witt Clinton Commandery #1. The picture is of him wearing his Templar uniform.



Thank you for your service to Templary.
In the name of our Blessed Emmanuel, may peace be with you.

Courteously,
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