



Wyoming Supplement

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Sir Knights:

As I pen this article it is April, the sentiments in my article are based upon a sincere hope that we are back into a more "normal" status in our lives. Be safe, be aware, take care of your family and look forward to our future. Spring is finally in full swing. The grass is growing, flowers are in bloom and the Commandries of Wyoming are installing their officers for 2020 – 2021.

This is a time of renewal and regeneration. Our "War Horses" have an opportunity to step back as the new "Chargers" step forward and assume their positions of leadership. The planning that the officer core did before installation has set their sights on making their Commandery golden. They have pride in ownership and it our job to support their plans and activities.

For those who have been active in the York Rite for years, served in the offices, or perhaps served as a Grand Officer, please do not "retire" on the younger members. Your experiences and wisdom are the "right stuff" to mentor the newer members. As mentors, we need to educate new members and make them feel a part of the Order. We are bound together by our Masonic obligations and ritual. New members should take pride in knowing that they are part of something special, something passed down for generations, and that they are now the custodians for future generations of Companions and Sir Knights.

Good channels of communication pay a vital part to insure everyone is working for the good of the body. Does your Commandery, Council, and Chapter have a complete email list or phone tree? Is information about not only activities and events, but also individual needs shared openly and continuously with your members? Do our Sir Knights look forward to your next meeting? If we do not stay in communication with the brethren between meetings, they will lose their enthusiasm. Keeping in regular contact with your fraters allows us to share in both successes

and sorrows, demonstrating the brotherly love we should all seek to emulate. Do we give our members a reason to choose a York Rite meeting over the multitude of other things they can do with their time? It is up to us to ensure younger Knights, as well as older Knights, are motivated to participate. It is a great feeling to be part of something greater than oneself.

After our installation do not let the momentum slow. Keep active for the summer. Plan opportunities to get together for fun and fellowship. The social activities we have with each other helps cement our commitment to each other and our organizations.

Plan on attending the Wyoming Grand York Rite session in Sheridan September 17 – 20, 2020. The festivities will be held at the Best Western Sheridan Center. Information is at www.yorkritewy.org. The immediate past Eminent Commander and current Eminent Commander are expected to attend the session to vote on our 2020 – 2021 Wyoming Grand Commandery Leadership

In His Service,

William A. Biggs

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sir Knight Recorders:

It is getting close to time for your annual report to be submitted. It will be easy if you have kept the database up to date. You have been doing an outstanding job of keeping up with things as I have been checking your reports against the database. I would like to see you enter additional information such as phone numbers, email addresses, spouses, etc. This helps when we are trying to get in contact with members. It would also help when trying to nominate Sir Knights for the Leadership Program held in Boise, ID every year. Of all the names submitted we have only had about 5 complete the training a few have completed part and a lot of those nominated haven't attended any of the training.

Sir Knights if you are at the top of a committee, you are the one to submit a report for the Grand Sessions held in September. I would like to have all advance reports to me by July 1, 2020 so I can get them assembled and into print for the sessions. We have to squeeze our printing in between that of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary for Grand Lodge prints our reports usually right after Grand Lodge in August.

I would still suggest that you get an assistant to help you with the database as a backup in case something should happen, and you can't do it.

Yours in Faith,

James L. Sturdevant, KCT

Grand Recorder