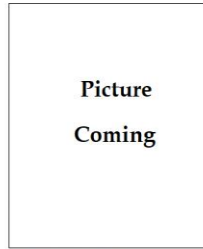


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be keeping everyone informed of our numbers as we travel on this journey together.

Working together we can get the job done.

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Sir Knights:

We have now officially started the new Knight Templar year of 2021-2022, and with it comes new ideas from everyone and new goals. I have set a goal of \$10.00 per Sir Knight for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and membership of a 5% increase over last year. Are these unreasonable goals, maybe or maybe not. At least we will have something to work for. I would prefer to announce at our annual convention next year that we exceeded or was just shy of the needed numbers, than have nothing to talk about.

Communication within a membership group is vital in promoting growth, we need to find out what is wanted, such as more Degree Work or maybe Degree leadership, and do we have the resources needed to get the job done each and every time. In the past years we have had several persons start on the journey of becoming a Sir Knight and then quit when half way. We are going to attempt to go back and see if we can't get them to complete what they started, maybe they just were not ready to complete this part of their Masonic Journey.

Everyone is tasked with looking at their Lodge membership for new members, I do know that I will be contacting every Lodge in South Dakota asking for help in recruiting new members and will

On November 27, 1095, Pope Urban II makes the speech that gave rise to the Crusades by calling all Christians in Europe to war against Muslims to reclaim the Holy Land. He exclaimed, "Deus vult!" which means, "Gods Will." The Knights Templar were not yet an established order.

November 15, 1100 – Pope Paschal II calls for a renewed importance of the Crusades and threatens to excommunicate any who failed to fulfill their vows.

November 22, 1307 – Following Black Friday, October 13th, Pope Clement V issued his papal bull "Pastoralis praeeminentiae," which instructed all Christian Kings to arrest all Templars and to seize their properties and holdings. Clement also called for hearings to determine the severity of the crimes of the Templars.

November is a time to give thanks for our blessings. History tells us that November was the time for people to contemplate the success of their harvest and give thanks. Also, to remember to give thanks for the many blessings they had received in the last year. This year give thanks to our creator for his protection in these COVID-19 times and for his continued protection.

Your Editor