

COLORADO SUPPLEMENT

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The Delta and Montrose-Ouray Commanderies Christmas Observance was held in Delta on Sunday, December 13th. Under the direction of Eminent Commander Scott Wilson, the two Commanderies enjoyed the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. The event was well attended and the excellent

refreshments prepared by Saint Sandy and Beth Allen were enjoyed by all, after the celebration. Present for a picture at the Triangle are (l to r): Ron Huddleston, Greg Allen, Jack Ward, Bill Voss, Scott Wilson, Ross Allen, Jeff Cyriacks, Don French, and Lynn Sanburg.

Grand Commander's Schedule

Feb 16, 2010 Greeley Commandery #10

Grand Illustrious Master's Schedule

Feb 8, 2010 Alpha Council #13

J E Abbott Commandery #40 will now meet on the first Tuesday at 7:30 PM at the Emmanuel Methodist Church in Englewood.

Courtesy

In the ritual, we are referred to as courteous Knights. The term courteous comes from the time when members of the King's court were thought to be well mannered, gracious and considerate to others. Today it retains the same meaning for all who are respectful of others. I am reminded of the story about a woman who fumed as the car in front of her did not start when the light turned green. She honked her horn and yelled. The driver started just as the light again turned yellow then red. The woman yelled, cursed and made several rude jesters at the departing car. Suddenly the car behind her turned on the flashing red and blue lights and she was summarily cuffed and taken to the local jail. Shortly thereafter, she was released. When she inquired about why she had been arrested she was told by the arresting officer that he noticed the

"Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker, her fish symbol and her protect Life sticker. When he observed her conduct, he decided that the car must be stolen. Most of us wear Masonic lapel pins; have bumper stickers and other ways of denoting us as Masons. We must remember to act, as we want others to believe that the fraternity is courteous! Be thoughtful when in traffic, at the store and when confronted by someone who is not polite. Let us reflect what we are taught in our degrees and orders.

Editor

The Holidays are past and the New Year is well begun. How are you doing on the Grand Master's goals? The goals I refer to are first, at least 50 members in each Commandery and second, 25% of all Blue Lodge Masons in the Commandery. When did you last ask a Blue Lodge Mason about joining the rest of the York Rite? It is not hard – you are both Brothers. You are not asking for a "favor". You are inviting your brother to increase his Masonic knowledge and discover the additional truths in our degrees and orders. This is our "work"? It is a pleasure and privilege to provide knowledge to others. The beauty is that you do not have to do it alone. We have several ways to get a Brother through the ritual. It is amazing how much it invigorates a Masonic Body to do the ritual. Oh yes, there are many excuses – we don't have enough people, then ask the York Rite College for help; we don't have time to practice then, do it at your regular meeting and summarize the minutes, bills, etc; no one knows the work, then read through the work and assign parts, repetition is the way we got through the first three degrees. A perfect degree is not what our candidates expect, they expect that we demonstrate our commitment to the work and do the best we can. Start NOW to get candidates for the summer festivals. Remember money should never be an obstacle – Freemasonry regards no man for his outward appearance, it is the internal not the external qualities which prepare a man to be a Mason!

Sir Knights, This supplement is yours. Without input from your Commanderies, there will be no supplement. I have stretched this months pages as much as I can. The Grand Master took no obligation to write articles for you. It is up to you! Please submit your articles and pictures to the address above. My deadline is the first of the month prior to the month of publication, e.g. 1 June for the July issue.

Thank you.

Jerry