

NEW MEXICO SUPPLEMENT

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Sir Knights:

Ah! How nice it is that Spring is finally here. The birds are happy, the rains have come, flowers are in bloom and a genuine freshness is present wherever one looks on the yet cool mornings. This is truly a wonderful world that the Great Architect has built for us.

Perhaps it is ironic that I write this message to you shortly after observing Memorial Day, with a still very clear memory of the reminder of the many servicemen and women who served our great country. At the same time I realize that you may be reading it near the day when we again are reminded of our great country on the Fourth of July! In preparation for the Memorial Day observance I accompanied several adult volunteers along with what appeared to be 3rd or 4th graders in the placement of some 36,000 United States flags at the headstones of departed Veterans at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. This task was accomplished in a little over two hours! It was nice to be able to serve in this way.

Yesterday I received a schedule of the activities and meetings for this coming year. As usual, it is a busy one. It will take teamwork to move our Commanderies forward but I am confident that the teamwork necessary will shine through and our Commanderies, will, indeed, move forward.

A special happening will occur in Taos on September 5^h as Bent Lodge #42 celebrates its 100th anniversary along with the 200th birthday of Brother Kit Carson. A parade is planned on that day beginning at 3 p.m. We, as Knight Templars, will be marching in that parade. MARK YOUR CALENDAR (we will gather at Bent Lodge at 2 p.m.). In preparation for this event, the Right Eminent and Sir Knight Richard Butterfield will be leading the drill team. A practice will be held at the Grand Lodge building in Albuquerque on July 25th starting at 10:30 a.m. The Taos event will "put a feather in our caps" as we put ourselves on display. All Sir Knights wanting to participate, please indicate your desire by email to corsair2@swcp.com or leave a message at the Grand York Rite office at 505.842.8262.

The Albuquerque York Rite Festival which was held on May 16th and 23rd has now passed. It was a successful event. I congratulate our new Sir Knights and also all who participated in the festival. I also want to congratulate the Clovis York Rite Bodies for the degree work they have done thus far and wish them continued success in their upcoming degrees. The next scheduled festival for the Albuquerque York Rite will be on November 14th and 21st. We all know how fast the time goes. Start getting petitions submitted now so our numbers can be complete. Also, for those Sir Knights who haven't been to a degree for awhile, plan to attend. You will find it enlightening and certainly educational to see them performed again. Nearly every time that I see a degree, just as in Blue Lodge, something new is revealed. Of course, it was there all along, it just passed by me without my noticing. So come, and further your Masonic knowledge!

I would also like to encourage all York Rite members to attend at least one of the Grand York Rite Quarterly meetings when they have a chance. This is where much of the business of your Grand York Rite bodies are conducted, and they are very much your meetings. They are generally held at Temple Lodge No. 6 in Albuquerque, begin at 10a.m. and conclude by noon. The next Grand York Rite Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009. I would also like to remind all Grand Officers, as well as attending members, if at all possible, to wear the coat or uniform of the Grand York Rite body which is scheduled to open and chair each quarterly meeting. In October, we will convene under the charge of the Right Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Mexico, Sir Knight Companion Hendrik C. DeBruin. So come in purple!

In closing this month's message I want to relate a saying which my accountant had taped to the wall in his office. It was a folded piece of scrap paper with the following words penciled on it: "Be careful of the words you say. Make them Soft and Sweet. For you never know which ones of them you may have to Eat!" Have a Happy Fourth of July, Sir Knights!