



# COLORADO SUPPLEMENT

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Sir Knights,

By time this is published, about the only thing I will have left to complete is the Grand Sessions. I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your Grand Commander. Due to your support and efforts, I feel that we have had a wonderful year. I would like to thank each and every one of you for making the year an enjoyable success.

During my travels throughout the state, I saw a lot of positive signs. There are Commanderies conferring the Orders for the first time in many years. I have met several new members who are enthusiastic and are a positive influence in their Commanderies. These new members are our future and our future looks good.

One of the most rewarding aspects of serving as a Grand Officer is the ability to travel to the Commanderies in our state and meet the members, see what other Commanderies are doing and develop friendships that last forever. In addition, as a Grand Officer, we have the opportunity to expand our knowledge and develop ideas through discussion with other leaders in the other Grand Lines. Too often, we limit our activities to just one or two Commanderies and miss out on the opportunity to meet and discuss ideas with members of our Fraternity. There are several ideas that I would like to leave with you for the future. First, as was pointed out at our Grand Sessions a few years ago by Most Worshipful Brother Tom Cox, Masonry is the world's greatest fraternity and may be the greatest fraternity to ever exist. We can control the future of Masonry to ensure that it continues to be the greatest fraternity.

Next, look at what we do at our meetings. We have an obligation to ourselves and to our future members to make each meeting worth the time and effort it took to attend. Meetings need to have a purpose other than reading minutes and paying bills. If a member leaves a meeting happy he was there, he will be back and will be able to encourage others to join and attend.

Look at the habits we have developed over the years. Good habits and bad habits are learned behavior. It is as easy to learn good habits as it is to learn bad habits. Good habits may take a little extra effort, but they are well worth the effort.

All individuals and organizations need to establish goals to succeed. Goals should be S.M.A.R.T. goals. They should be **Specific, Measurable, Attainable,**

**Realistic and Timely.** There are two goals that I believe we need to establish for our Commanderies. The first is that every Commandery needs at least 50 members. The second is that 25% of all Masons should be York Rite Masons. The first goal is based on my experience as a Charter member of Eastlake Commandery. The closer our Commandery gets to 50 members, the easier it is to fill offices and to perform the ten-man opening. Since the York Rite is the continuation of the Blue Lodge Degrees. We have not been good at explaining to our Brethren in the Blue Lodge that the York Rite completes the degrees they started. On addition, since the Knights Templar is the only Masonic Body that takes an oath to defend the Christian Religion, every Christian should be a Knights Templar.

Due to the space limitations in the Colorado supplement, there is not enough room to mention each person that I am grateful to for making this year so enjoyable. I do want to thank the Grand Commandery Officers for their hard work and support this year and I feel it is appropriate to thank our Colorado Supplement Editor for the tremendous job he has this year, thank you S.K. Jerry Dodd.

My biggest hope is that each of you enjoyed this year and that next year will be even better. Thank you for the honor of letting me serves as your Grand Commander.

Fraternally, Steven L. Hubbard, Right Eminent Grand Commander

## New Sir Knights



On the Evening of May 26th, Montrose-Ouray Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple on Sir Knights Troy Romero and Richard Davis.

Those present were: front l to r: Jim Conner, Lynn Sanburg, Troy Romero, Tom McKelvie, Ron Huddleston, Richard Davis, and Bill Voss.

2nd row: Dan Stitt, Ron Williams, Bill Nickell, Mark Crossley, Ben Williams, and Christopher Pike.

Top row: Greg Allen, Scott Wilson Grand Generalissimo, Jim Erickson, and Rodney Johnson.