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February is generally the dead of winter, but for most of Wyoming, it has yet to show up. With weather on our side and no COVID restrictions in place, there was a great turnout for the Grand Masters reunion in Riverton. The day started with the Brothers of Sheridan Lodge #8 conferring an inspiring EA degree for a candidate who probably doesn't know yet how lucky he is! That evening the Grand Commandery held a wonderful dinner organized by SK Arin Bisbee with great fellowship. At the end of the evening several of us were still hanging around enjoying the company, and SK Arin was in the back putting things away and vacuuming the floor so we get our deposit back! Not "40 miles on frozen ground", but 40 yards with an old vacuum, and a dedication to service that needs to be recognized. Thank you, SK Arin, for organizing a great evening!

We are into Festival Season, and I was honored to be present at Casper when the Chapter and Council Degrees were conferred on a class of six. One of the real pleasures of this position is getting to see the different traditions in degree work and I was not disappointed. The work was done in a serious and well-practiced manner. The memory work was impressive and edifying, and the entire event was centered on the candidates. You never get a second chance to make the first impression, and I'm sure these men were impressed! I look forward to see them complete their degrees in Riverton.

Sir Knights, I must address a very real and very pressing crisis! And crisis it is. The Craft is in deep need of a man or men willing to step up to the Grand Recorder/Secretary job(s) for Grand Chapter and Grand Council. For many years Companion Badget served as Grand Recorder for the Grand Chapter and Council, but the time came when health issues and family commitments became too much, and he had to lay his "working quill" aside.

The positive side is Lady Diane's canning has moved into legendary status!



At the last Grand Sessions, after many years of warning, Companion Badget laid the books down and announced he was not taking them home. A call for candidates went out, and silence reigned. SK Ken Humphrey stepped up and agreed to TEMPORARILY filled all three positions, or we might still be sitting there listening to crickets while men stared at their laps. SK Humphrey's benevolence cannot last forever and in two years he will be the Grand High Priest. As much fun as it might seem, he has declined the honor of being the first sitting GHP to also Pro-temp the Grand Secretary position! Fraters, search your hearts, and search your York Groups. The work has been computerized and streamlined, and there is a stipend and other considerations for the work, but it must be a labor of love for the Craft. We have many who can and would do this work if made known of the need and approached. Sir Knights, this is a time for action, we have until September.

To quote Elvis:

“A little less conversation and little more action please”.

Yours in His Service,
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