

POSTAGE IS GOING UP!!

The cost of a first class postage stamp will increase from \$0.50 to \$0.55 on 27 January, so if you hurry, you can stock up on forever stamps for your dues mailings. You may also want to adjust your annual budgets to account for the increase as well.

FROM THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Companions,

Hopefully, we will be seeing some snow soon; I have always hated winters without the white stuff. I have always found that I enjoy the cold and snow between ice skating, skiing, and snowshoeing there are plenty of ways to stay warm and active. The part of the snow and other winter weather that I don't like is the travel and the fact that events are at the mercy of mother nature. Thankfully, since coming to Connecticut I haven't really seen too many events cancelled, granted part of that is because the Companions have enough foresight to plan ahead with schedules.

As Grand High Priest I have had the opportunity to visit every Chapter at least once and I have been warmly received in all my travels. I have seen good degree work in several of our Chapters, I have seen Chapters work together for the benefit of candidates, and I have had the chance to present a few 50-year awards. It has always been my belief that as a Grand Officer I have a responsibility to all of the Chapters in the state and the only way to truly know a Chapter is to visit. It is because of this belief that I am working to get to every Chapter at least a second time and have strongly encouraged all of the Grand Officers to visit at least their assigned Chapters as often as possible. As the winter months are upon us, know that we want to be with you in your Chapter, but if weather is an issue please let your Grand Officers know so that we may plan accordingly.

Until I see you down the road...

James S. McNeely IV

FROM THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTER

Companions,

Let's get ready to Celebrate! On Saturday, 18 May 2019 your Grand Council will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary! We will have a Rededication of the Grand Council followed by dinner and dancing.

The event will be held at the Four Points By Sheraton in Meriden, CT. The festivities will commence at 5:00 PM with the rededication, and a cash bar followed by dinner. Invitations and further information will be coming out shortly, including meal choices and prices.

There will be a block of rooms available for those who wish to spend the night at the hotel.

I hope to see many of you at this Historical event as Connecticut is the Oldest Grand Council.

Charles D. O'Neill

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