

## ARKANSAS SUPPLEMENT

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### Happy Which New Year!

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The new year is here, January 1, 2018 A.D. To Knights Templar, it is the year 900 A.O. Do you know why? Do you know what A.O. indicates?

Knights Templar calculate their dates from the year of the Origination of the Order, 1118. So the templar year is the Christian year (2018) minus 1118, yielding 900 in the Year of the Order (A.O.).

Further, in the York Rite Chapter, the Capitular year is called the "Year of Discovery" Anno Inventionis, and dates from the time the second temple was begun by Zerebbabel. It is calculated by adding 530 years to the Common Era, thus 2018 plus 530 equals 2548, A.I.

In the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the year is based upon the year of the completion of King Solomon's Temple, and the Deposits in the Secret Vault, Anno Deposit, "the year of deposit". It is calculated by adding 1000 years to the year, thus 2018 A.D. plus 1000 equals 3018 A. Dep.

So, Happy New Year, Sir Knights!

2018 A.D. / 2548 A.I. / 3018 A. Dep  
&  
900 A.O.

**R.: E.: Grand Commander**

**David B. Bassett**

Greetings, Sir Knights:



Sir Knights: Again this year, the Grand Officers will be taking turns writing for the AR Supplement. The article this month is from our Grand Warder, ESK David Waggoner.  
*Editor.*

I would be remiss if I did not thank R.: E.: Grand Commander David Bassett for the opportunity to serve in his grand line. It has been a privilege.

As we start another new year, let us make a few solid resolutions pertaining to our own Commandery. It seems that, as always, some Commanderies are doing very well and others, not so much. My opinion is that it is a matter of pride. If we show pride in doing a solid Class B opening and showing up in the proper uniform, we will go a long way toward having something to be proud of.

Let's start by making a few solid resolutions, and then keep them. First, let us resolve to show up in a proper uniform. It doesn't take that much. Most have a pair of black trousers, black socks, black shoes and a white shirt. After that, it's just a few devices and a uniform cap. I have a spare cap, size 7 1/2 which I will give to the first person who asks for it.

Doing a Class B opening simply requires practice and some help from your Grand Commandery liaison officer. Even if you can't open some months, you can practice. Ask your Grand Commandery officers for some help. I think they will gladly give it.

We have a great Commandery, let's show it. Having some pride will get you to the meetings and, hopefully, having enough to do the proper work.

Sir Knights, this is our Grand Commandery. If we don't take care of it, we will lose it. Soon, we will start a new York Rite Year and we have some choices to make. I opt to have a great year.

May God bless you and yours throughout this New Year.

David Waggoner  
R E Grand Warder

