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Hello to all my Auxiliary brothers and sisters!

Can you believe it is almost Christmas? I don't know where this past year went. This is a bittersweet time of year for me because December 20 will mark a year since John died. I miss him every minute of every day. Keeping busy helps a lot, and I am definitely doing that!

I want to remind everyone about the Mid-Winter Conference and Voice of Democracy coming up in February. I hope many of you will be able to attend. I look forward to seeing everyone and watching our amazing students being escorted by their District Commanders and District Presidents. Congratulations to all our District winners and to the Patriot's Pen winners as well!

I want to thank everyone who has sent me corrections to the Auxiliary roster. I am keeping the Master up to date, so I will have a head start on next year's roster and a fair chance of it being correct. I realize there will be changes to officers in some cases, but we can only do our best to keep the information accurate and the only way to do that is for everyone to check their own information and let me know immediately of any corrections. I send copies of the corrected pages to the Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries as well as District and Department officers. I hope they are sharing the changes with their members as well.

I also want to remind you all that as Western Conference Membership Director, I have pledged to donate \$100 to the Department in Western Conference with the highest membership percentage by December 31, 2023. I already made one donation of \$100 for the Department with the highest percentage of membership by October 31, 2023. That went to the Department of California when we were all at Western Conference in Salt Lake City. I would love for the next donation to go to our own Department of Oregon! Currently the Department of Idaho is in the lead with 97.26% and we are in sixth place at 95.45%. Please keep checking in with your unpaid members and keep recruiting so we can earn that \$100! Oregon only needs 242 members to be 100%. That is a very achievable goal in my opinion.

In February I will also be attending the National Mid-Year meeting, which will be held during a cruise to the Bahamas. Warm weather here we come!

I hope you all have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!