

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Well, I didn't do any traveling in November for the Department, it was a quiet month in that regard. I am hoping to see you at the Mid-Winter Conference in February. We are once again meeting at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. Make your reservations at 541-743-1000. The Auxiliary business meeting is on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm, followed by our Awards Banquet at 6pm. We will have a Council of Administration meeting on Sunday at 9:00 am. Please plan to attend and celebrate our youth as they read their Voice of Democracy essays.

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of the Department line, now is a good time to ask questions. Reach out to any line officer and we will be happy to chat with you, answer your questions but most importantly offer you encouragement.

I know some of you made it to the Western Conference during the first week of November. I think that we did Oregon proud. The folks that took the bus tour said they had a great time even though it was like a monsoon outside. They had so much fun they were late getting back to the hotel. When you have the opportunity to attend an event in Oregon, take it. What you get back in return is wonderful.

I wish you all a very Merry Holiday Season. Remember, if you have questions, reach out to a line officer, we are here for you.

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