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Dear President Gary Knell,

I wish to take a moment to commemorate the fact of December 2017 being the 1,500th issue of *National Geographic* Magazine!

This takes into account the inconsistent issuance from 1888-1895 (36 issues), the combined double issues of 1897, and 1917, and the 13th issues put out in 1981, 1993.

CONGRATULATIONS to each of you, and historically, all of the staff at *NGM.*  A notable lot of achievements were realized through the membership dues over the many decades, and it was all on the back of The Magazine. The Society would not exist without it; this is not to be taken lightly, and deserves a moment of respect.

On a side note, I have every issue of *National Geographic*, and will never part with them. One of the proudest and excited moments in my life was when I received my first issue of *NGM* as a gift membership from my Grandmother, when I was in sixth grade. I still have Owen R. Anderson’s welcome letter. I loved growing up reading Gilbert M. Grosvenor’s special messages “from the President”. He really instilled a sense of value, necessity, and community in We, the members and readers of our beloved *NGM*.

My best to you and the Society at-large.

Sincerely,

Scott T. Shier, LIFE member