

South Dakota



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Herb Cook
Grand Commander

Remember to stay safe, be careful, and don't become complacent with your social distancing and hand washing. All of the Sks in South Dakota are not only my Brothers, they are also my friends!

May the Lord Bless and Keep you,

Herbert E. Cook,

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of South Dakota

Sir Knights,

First, I would like to say this pandemic is really getting to be monotonous. Even though the virus does not seem to be going away, our Federal, State, and Local governments are telling us "it's getting better everyday." Then you read the daily report and the numbers just do not tally. Then each opinion of the problem says the other is lying.

Whom to trust or believe? About the only thing to do is pray to the Lord for guidance and hope for a speedy cure, or vaccine. Enough of that.

During the past two or three weeks I have gone on Zoom and observed Grand York Rite Annual Communications from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. These are difficult times for the world, but our commitment to our craft continues. The Sir Knights and Companions are doing an excellent job within the restrictions in place.

South Dakota Grand York Rite will have a virtual Annual Communication on September 18 – 19, 2020. All of the current officers are remaining in place through the 2021 term. With the help of God in Heaven, 2021 will return to some sort of normalcy. We will survive this pandemic and again be able to meet upon the level.

We have not been able to progress much on our membership except to call former SKs that have been dropped and ask if they would consider rejoining our work and be reinstated. The KTEF is doing pretty well with a number of SKs going above and beyond with their donations. Every bit helps! Our donations will help the world. Thank you again.

"Sadly, small local businesses are being financially challenged during this novel pandemic. With social distancing in practice and many stores and restaurants being forced to shut by law for the foreseeable future, Joe Cain, 50, who lives in the Noe Valley neighborhood of San Francisco, is trying to keep spirits high and came up with a wonderful idea on how to keep business flowing.

Joe created a post on the app Nextdoor, which was titled 'Keep supporting small businesses'. He explained how restaurants and small businesses in the neighborhood still need customers and that a few weeks of low sales can be devastating. Payroll and bills still need to be paid regardless of the current situation and that these small businesses need the help of the community. Joe's idea is as follows:

"Consider getting takeout (not through an app), buying a gift card, or getting an extra something to put in the freezer. Keep the cash flowing in the local economy." "

- *Uplifting Stories during the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Your Editor