

South Dakota



Jake Smith, State Editor
409 Kansas City Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
jake3404@yahoo.com



Herb Cook
Grand Commander

members to the REGC, and I will schedule a meeting so we can brainstorm. I know this will take time, so all of our efforts will be appreciated. You can email me at herbertcook@centurylink.net or Roger Hansen at hyldgaard2@aol.com.

This will be a time consuming task, please let's get working. Send emails or call me with questions. Herb Cook 605-787-3486

Fraternally,
Herb Cook

Right Eminent Grand Commander of South Dakota

The response of the Commanderies conducting Christmas Observances the past year was encouraging. Knights Templar in South Dakota has a solid base and now we can again grow on that. With the Easter Holiday coming up, perhaps use that as a tool for an Easter Observance. Or plan on attending the several Easter Observances by Grand Encampment, being held throughout the country.

The traditional Easter Observance is held every year at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. But there is two other opportunities that are fairly close to South Dakota:

10th Annual Western States Observance

Crown Plaza Hotel Downtown Denver & Denver Scottish Rite Consistory. Denver, Colorado

8th Annual Mid-America Observance

Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, MO

These are two wonderful opportunities to see Templary in other parts of the country. If you would like more information including room reservations. Go www.knightstemplar.org and scroll down the page. The information on all of these events is on the front page.

To the Grand Commandery of South Dakota

In March, 2019, the Most Eminent Grand Master Jeffrey N. Nelson sent General Order #5 to the Grand Commanderies.

The order states that Membership Development is PRIORITY ONE during the 68th Triennium. The link to this Order is on the GEKT website, www.knightstemplar.org and clicking onto the membership site.

For us this order states the expectations of the Grand Master, Including

1. Appointment of a Chairman of Membership Committee;

Roger Hansen, DGM

2. Appointment of Sub-Chairmen; Recruitment , Retention/Monitoring, Restoration, Masonic/Public Relations

3. The Subchairmen report to the Committee Chair and the REGC. Each subordinate or Constituent Commandery will also have a committee to fulfill these duties.

I ask that the Commander of each of the SD Commanderies print the format for establishing an effective Membership Team, found on the aforementioned website, and read it over to get an idea about how the Team should work. Send the names of your Committee Chairman and