



**NORTH DAKOTA
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SK David Bickel
RE Grand Commander



Introducing our Deputy Grand Commander

Sir Knights, my name is SK Gregory Taylor. I was honored to be elected to serve the Sir Knights of North Dakota as your Deputy Grand Commander for the 2020-2021 year at our Grand Sessions this past July. I was humbled to be installed by our Most Eminent Grand Master Jeffrey N. Nelson.

I am happily married to my wife of 24 years, Christie and have two children. My daughter Allison just graduated from Mayville State completing a 5 year program in 3 years. She has taken a teaching position at a local middle school. My son, Ryan is 15 and is entering 10th grade. He stays busy with baseball, football and basketball along with a bit of fishing. He is proud to be ranked #1 in his class academically. We have a chocolate labrador retriever (Max) who rounds out our family. I am entering into my 27th year in teaching (most of these years at the middle school level).

Masonically, I am a member of Malta 131 of Grand Forks. I am a 32nd KCCH Scottish Rite life member of the Valley of Grand Forks. I am a Past Venerable Master and am in my 6th year as Valley Secretary. I am a lifetime member of the Order of Scotland and of the KEM Shrine. I serve as the Celebrant of the North Dakota College of the SRICF.

My York Rite experience includes being a Past Eminent Commander, Past Illustrious Master and Past High Priest in Grand Forks. I am a member of the Grand Commanders Association and Silver Trowel. In addition to my Commandery role, I am currently the Grand Captain of the Host for our Grand Chapter and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works in our Grand Council. I am the Scribe for our Knight Masons, and member/officer in the following; York Rite College, HRAKTP, Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Mason Degrees and St. Thomas of Acon.

York Rite Masonry in North Dakota is alive and well! In Grand Forks, we have been using the application, ZOOM, for meetings. This is a great way for Sir Knights to keep in touch during this pandemic. We also have been using Google Drive to share information. If you would like to join our meetings or need help setting these up please do not hesitate to call or email me.

If you are interested in more information about any of the Masonic groups I listed please ask. We are always looking for more Sir Knights seeking “light”. As you may know, we have decided to move our annual Grand Sessions to July. Please be sure to check out our website as well <http://www.ndyorkrite.org/> for details.

Grand Prelate’s Greetings

Sir Knights, let me introduce myself. My name is Charles Selberg and I am your Grand Prelate for North Dakota. I graduated from Moorhead High School in 1970 and served in the Marine Corps from December 1970 to December 1972, graduated from Moorhead State University in 1977 and 1978, and served in the U.S. Army from 1978 to 1984. I attained the rank of corporal in the Marines and captain in the Army. I belong to Moorhead Lodge No. 126 and have been a York Rite Mason for over 20 years. I have had the honor of being your Grand Prelate for the last few years and will continue to do so in the future at your pleasure.

My few words of inspiration are these. Life is about going through it upward pursuing our dreams. Don’t let obstacles and failure pin you down or push against your success in life. Fight hard the battle of life and take the challenges with courage, determination and perseverance. Be thankful and proud of the struggles you have had. Hold on in those moments when things seem unbearable remembering that trying moments are part of the experience. Life is short, so live it to the fullest.

Finally, I give to us a prayer to God for personal protection during these trying times.

Father, I come to you bowing in my heart and asking for protection. Surround us with your divine hedge. Let all who take refuge in you be glad and comforted for it is you who blesses and shields the righteous man. Amen