

South Dakota



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



Herb Cook
Grand Commander

September 2020 Letter to the Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of South Dakota

Sir Knights,

I know we are all getting pretty tired of the Virus and Pandemic, the civil unrest across the country, the election controversies, and just about everything that has happened this year. Every night when I go to bed, I think of all that is going on in the world. I pray to God that everyone will just stop, refocus, and work at getting along, working together.

The MWGM Jason Swindler has sent out an edict allowing meetings and degree work with social distancing. However, the MEGM Jeff Nelson has not rescinded his order. So, all Knights Templar are still unable to meet socially as a group. Virtual meetings are allowed, and I hope everyone has been able to access this venue and enjoy time with other Sir Knights.

There is good news regarding the state of our donations to the KTEF! Sir Knight Bruce Crisman has informed me that as of May 2020, the SKs in South Dakota had increased their donations over the previous year. As we begin another year, our responsibility and generosity need to continue to support the KTEF in their work to find cures for eye diseases.

Membership must always maintain a place in our minds as a work in progress. I know not being able to meet, makes that goal challenging. I hope all Commanders are still trying to contact and communicate with suspended and NPD SKs, encouraging them to consider returning to their respective Commanderies.

September will bring a virtual Grand York Rite. All officers have been asked to remain in their current office, and most have agreed. The time and date of this Grand York Rite meeting, as of August 1, is TBD.

So, for now, SKs, Stay Safe and Well. And wash your hands a lot.

REGC Herb Cook

Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar of South Dakota.