



Grand Commandery of Minnesota

## *Knights Templar*

S.K. Joseph J. Anderson R.E. Grand Commander

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An introduction to our new Grand Commander: SK Joseph Jon Anderson was born in 1964, a graduate of Bloomington (Minnesota) John F. Kennedy High School, attended Upper Iowa University (Arts and Theater). Received a Commercial Arts degree from Minneapolis Tech. His parents are Sherrie and Robert Anderson, Jr. and he has a sister, Jeri Rosenberg.

Joe was introduced to many Masonic activities at a young age, going to Shrine events with his Dad are very memorable, and then there was DeMolay at 13. Joe became a member of DeMolay in 1977, Master Councilor of Camelot Chapter in 1981, and served as State Master Councilor of Minnesota in 1984-85.

Joe was impressed with the members of the DeMolay sponsored lodge, so he petitioned Richfield Lodge and was raised in 1983 and became Master in 1991. He is now a member of Minneapolis Lodge No. 19 since 2000.

Joe joined the York Rite bodies and is Past High Priest of St. John's Chapter No. 9 (1989) and Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104 (2014); Past Illustrious Master of Minneapolis Council No. 2 (1998), presently Recorder; Past Commander of Zion Commandery No. 2 (1996, 2000), presently Recorder. He proudly served as Grand High Priest 2017-2018.

Joe and Anne (Lewis) have been married for 30 years and have two boys, Kevyn and Jacob. Kevyn is married to Nikky and live in Moorhead. Joe has been employed at *Strait Stuff* screen printing for 28 years, Anne's been with Target for 25 years. Joe enjoys Timberwolves basketball and Viking's football, Star Wars stuff, some Sci-Fi, a good TV show and movie, a good microbrew, being with family and loves going to flea markets.

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Hello Sir Knights: I am really looking forward to serving you during this

term. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me when you elected me to be your Grand Commander, and the confidence you have in the Grand Officers of this great Grand Commandery.

The Grand Officers and I are here for you. We serve this Grand Commandery to help you and we thank you for giving us this opportunity.

My strong wish is to visit each Commandery during this term. I look forward to meeting the Sir Knights and speaking with you at your home Commandery. Please inform me of any special events you may have so a group of grand officers can be there. We would love to publish your event in this publication.

We will be having our Holy Land Pilgrimage parking fundraiser at the Renaissance Festival the weekend of September 18-19. Please contact the Grand Recorder if you would like to help out.

The one-days are needed in some instances, but I encourage each Commandery to confer their own orders or work together. Don't hesitate to ask for help from the Grand officers on parts.

Please put March 19th on your calendar for the One-Day Templary in Minneapolis.

We are a Christian based Masonic organization and I believe that we should get back to observing our religious holidays. I plan to have Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day services at certain places in the state and held by our grand officers.

A new tactics manual will be coming your way shortly, thanks to the hard work of many Sir Knights.

At this time, it is uncertain about a grand inspection, but I do encourage your Commandery to hold inspection practices and refamiliarize yourselves with the tactic's manual. I know we are pretty rusty since; we have not been in person for a while to do the things we have enjoyed before this last year.

I look forward to working with you. **This is going to be an exciting year!**

I will see you all out there in my travels.

Thank you.

SK Joe Anderson, Grand Commander