

South Dakota



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To the Sir Knights of SD

By the time you receive this article it will be July. I would like to bring to your attention the **Knights Templar 68th Triennial Conclave** will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 14, 2021 to August 18, 2021. I know the Grand Master Jeffrey N. Nelson would be pleased to see all of the Sir Knights in SD attending. Please do your best to be there.

The chains of the pandemic are loosening. I hope that all of SD Sir Knights would travel to at least one other state in the North Central Department.

I know that Sioux Falls, Pierre, Rapid City and Spearfish have started to perform and schedule degree work. This is what needs to be done and I thank all of you.

Our Grand York Rite will be held in Huron, **note the change of days, please.** It will begin on the 15th of September, Wednesday, and continue through the 16th and 17th. Register as early as you can as it will make it a lot easier for the Grand Sec'y George.

Also remember to give a little money to the KTEF. The more we give, the more the Doctors can cure the maladies of the eyes for young and old.

Thank you and God Bless,

Herb Cook

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of South Dakota

Some facts you should know about America's founding document and the day set aside for its commemoration.

1. July 4, 1776 is the day that we celebrate Independence Day even though it wasn't the day the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776), the day we started the American Revolution (that had happened back in April 1775), the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776), or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

2. After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1938 and 1941.

Notice!!!

The Knight Templar Supplement will be going digital only starting in September. Please get your email to the Grand Secretary before that time or you will no longer receive the KT Magazine!!!
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The Grand Sessions for South Dakota have moved, and the dates are different to accommodate the Scottish Rite. Please make sure you have changed your plans to attend.

Wed, Sept 15th – Fri, Sept 17th – Huron, South Dakota

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