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**Words from the Grand Commandery Membership Chairman
for Knights Templar in North Dakota**

Sir Knights, my name is SK Mark Gauslow. I am presently the Grand Captain General in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in North Dakota. I'm also Grand Royal Arch Captain in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in North Dakota. I am the membership chairman for the Grand Commandery of North Dakota. I personally represent Avergne Commandery # 2 in Fargo. My Committee members include RW Rick Wightman representing St. Michael Commandery# 19 in Tioga, ND. They have 14 candidates waiting to begin the York Rite degrees. SK Mark Hoffman is the membership chair for Tancred # 1 in Mandan, ND with 3 candidates awaiting the Commandery degrees. MW Tony Telken, Grand Forks, ND chairs membership for St. Aldemar Commandery #3 with 2 candidates left over from the spring. My last report sent into Grand Encampment showed 234 Sir Knights in North Dakota. Even though COVID-19 has affected all aspects of our lives, we are trying to work thru this and still doing degree work. We are on course to return to over 250 Sir Knights.

On a personal note, the passing of MW Chris Christianson was a huge loss to all of us in Masonry. He was my friend, Masonic Brother, and mentor for me in Blue Lodge, York Rite, and Scottish Rite.

This year is my year as Master of Sunrise Lodge # 130 blue Lodge, of which Chris was a member. He helped me with all my steps in Masonry. He was like Grand Master Hiram to me and could answer all my questions in Masonry. It was Chris who invited me to join the York Rite.

On November 17th, 2020 Keystone Chapter # 5 in Fargo conferred the Mark Master's degree on 2 candidates. Brothers James Edgar San Juan, and LeRoy Beaulieu. We will do the Past Master's degree on December 1st, 2020 in Fargo along with help and one candidate coming from Grand Forks.

I am hoping all fellow Sir Knights stay safe and stay positive through this pandemic, and that medical science will come to the rescue, and our lives can get back to some sort of normalcy by the time you read this.

I was lucky to have 2 of my 4 children home for Thanksgiving along with 3 Grandchildren, my Son's wife, and Daughter's Fiancé.

At the time of this writing in late November, I'm planning on a quiet Christmas with church services on-line and sending the kids and Grandchildren their gifts by mail or amazon. Since I work for the Post Office, my Christmas will be otherwise busy.

Fraternally

SK Mark Gauslow