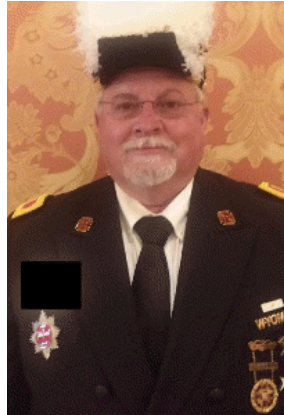




**Grand Commandery
Knights Templar
Wyoming**



**Knight Templar News
October 2021**



SK Richard N. Lewis (17)
RE Grand Commander

T. Mark Mickelson, PGC, Editor
PO Box 219, Big Piney, WY 83113-0219
307-413-5024 e-mail: tmark711@hotmail.com

Greetings Sir Knights.

I am greatly honored to be elected to serve as your Grand Commander for this coming year. I would like to congratulate PGC Jack Cook on a fine year and thank him for his service. I appreciate his many offers of help and service to me and the other officers of this Grand Commandery. He was the master and we were his apprentices. Despite Covid-19 restrictions it was a good year.

I would like to thank Jon Rowe for accepting the appointment of Grand Sentinel. I look forward to seeing him progress in the officer line. He is an active York Rite member and Mason from Gillette and Casper.

I would like to thank Beynon St. John for accepting the job of Grand Prelate. It is an honor to have a man of his caliber laboring with us. He is a very capable and proficient Sir Knight and was a very good Commander. I had the pleasure of presenting him his proficiency pin last year in Riverton.

As this is being written I just completed registration for the annual Northwest Department Conference in Boise, Idaho. This assembly is a good source of information, leadership training and networking for all York Rite members and their wives. The Leadership Training is open to anyone regardless of their Masonic affiliation.

Sir Knights our membership problem can be easily solved. Each one of us needs to replace himself in his home lodge, then mentor, coach, teach whatever you want to call it. When he is a proficient and active Master Mason suggest the York Rite to him. Every Christian Mason should be a York Rite member.

I would like each Commandery to set aside some time for practicing our tactics and ritual. This leads to a more proficient body and is a good time of fun and fellowship. Before long each member is feeling important and is helping other members to learn the ritual. Sword work is always interesting; is your arsenal complete? See to it that the new Sir Knights get a sword and chapeau to wear. My home Commandery has always had a tradition of a Sir Knight leaving his sword and chapeau for others to use upon his passing.

I would encourage each Commandery to support the Holy Land Pilgrimage. A good way to raise a few dollars is to have a dinner at the lodge or raffle something off. Another charity that we must support is the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Our dollars help cover the costs of research for finding cures and treatments in diseases of the eye.

SK Richard N. Lewis (17)
RE Grand Commander