

GRAND COMMANDERY of North Dakota
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Greetings Sir Nights

Sir Knights, another successful Grand Sessions has come and gone. There was a lot of planning and coordinating spear headed by R:.E:. PGC SK Greg Taylor. Many last-minute revisions and a few surprises. Overall, it was a great event. I was glad to once again see my fellow Knights from around the state, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

I'd like to thank my installation team. I had the honor of having M:.E:. PGM KTUSA SK Jeffrey Nelson as the installing officer, R:.E:. PGC SK Craig Ramsdell as the installing marshal, and R:.E:. PDC Lon Kvasager as the installing prelate. I'd also like to give a special thanks to the Fargo SKs (along with the SK on loan to South Dakota) who assisted me in the formation of the arch of steel for SK Taylor's reception of dignitaries. You all put in a lot of hard work to make it come to fruition and I'm looking forward to seeing you to progress even farther when it's done again next year in Fargo.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-In the next few weeks, Fargo and Grand Forks will be having their respective meetings to plan the upcoming year and elect the new officers. Hopefully both can come together again and to exemplify some of the degrees. Its always a good time when we all meet up.

- South Dakota will be holding their Grand Sessions September 22-24 in Huron. I'm looking forward to joining you all again.
- The North Central Department Conference will be held in Sioux Falls October 20-22. If you know of anyone, and not necessarily a sir knight, who you feel would benefit from the leadership program, send an email to YRL@YorkRiteLeadership.org.
- If you have any events coming up from around the state, let me know and I'll add them to the monthly supplement.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

- 1753:** George Washington received his Master Mason degree
- 1776:** The Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence
- 1814:** Many buildings in Washington D.C., including the Capitol and the White House, were burned down by the British during the War of 1812
- 1945:** After the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan accepts the Allies' terms of surrender
- 1950:** Hawaii was admitted as the 50th state
- 1965:** The Voting Rights Acts was passed
- 1993:** The Friend to Friend Masonic Monument in the cemetery in Gettysburg PA was dedicated

With that, Sir Knights, I'll leave you with one final thought. As a musician, I've been taught to never strive for perfection. Always stive for better; "practice leads to progress." This month, I challenge you to push for better. Pick one thing in your life and make it better. Whether that be in your personal life or your masonic life. Don't strive for perfect. Strive for better.

The 2022-2023 Grand Officers

Courteously,

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