



# Grand Commandery Knights Templar South Dakota



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

Again, it is time to let your light shine among the brethren that you may help them see and gain knowledge within the Brotherhood of Masonry and Knighthood.

When you seek light and emit light among those whom you call Brother, it is sure that you will also gain knowledge so as to pass it through, out the temple of yourself and fellow Templars. So, let there be light among us so we can see how to improve ourselves and our surroundings.

Again, I would like to wish all a very happy and enlightened New Year.

*Right Eminent Ervin "Red" Alspaw*

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Do you plan to have any New Year's resolutions?

Here are some examples of resolutions you could apply to your Commanderies:

- Plan for a Christmas Observance in December. It seems a long way away but establishing clear goals will allow your members to look forward to something.
- Plan a social activity. Being together with your fellow Sir Knights should be a joy. Maybe it is that thing you are now missing in your life.

For you individually, perhaps its time to assess your Templar vows. Have you been behaving as a Sir Knight should be. How do you interact with not only your fellow Sir Knights but the public in general. Being an example for your peers is one of the traits a Sir Knight should endeavor to achieve. Far too often in this world, the general public would just as soon spit in your eye then offer a helping hand.

Ever remember your Knightly Vows that you took and the examples of Chivalry and Honor that were presented to you. These lessons and your vows distinguish you among society. The question is, "Can they tell you are different?"

This year, vow to yourself to be a shining example to your fellow man. Be that light among the darkness.

*Your Editor*