

Grand Commandery of North Dakota

State News for July 2023



Commander SK Mark A Gauslow

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Greetings from North Dakota! My name is Mark A Gauslow, newly elected REGC this past July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at our Grand Sessions In Fargo, ND. What an honor for me to serve in this capacity, we have a lot of work to do, and I'm excited with my fellow Sir Knights and for my Grand Line's support!

My Grand Line includes: Grand Deputy Commander Richard W Wightman, Grand Generalissimo Jesse Joseph Stephan, Grand Captain General Leo Anthony Rognlin, Grand Senior Warden Michael Raymond Argenziano, Grand Junior Warden Shane Wesley Granzow, Grand Standard Bearer Fred Fernandez, Grand Sword Bearer Mathew Carson, Grand Warder Barry Kingsbury, Grand Sentinel Brandon Langness, Grand Prelate Nick Koller, Grand Treasurer Craig Alan Ramsdell, Grand Recorder Lon Wayne Kvasager.

At our banquet and award ceremony, Zachary Aaron Steele got his RE Grand Commander Certificate, and Shane Wesley Granzow was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Job well done and deserving to both Sir Knights!

After our banquet and awards ceremony 14 of us SKs met for an hour and half to brainstorm about membership and retention. There is a need to set up a new commandry in the western part of ND. There is a lot of potential for new membership and travel distances is one of the biggest problems. Driving over 2 hours to lodge and back is common. Distance is also a problem for retention of current SKs.

Past ME Grand Master Jeffrey N Nelson was also in attendance along with Current Most Worshipful Grand Master Chad Kainz, and PMW Richard W Wightman. PMEGM Jeff Nelson recommended reaching out to Minnesota and looking into their Emissary Program.

Once again I'm honored to be REGC of ND's Knights Templar and Thanks for attendance from MN, SD, NE, and Canada! Thanks to all in attendance for a successful Grand Sessions!

REGC Mark A Gauslow