



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA

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GRAND COMMANDER – SK STEVEN R. BARCHUS

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Hard to believe another month is already gone and Summer is almost here. Recently I had the privilege of attending The Grand Chapter of The Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska. It was my honor to represent Grand York Rite along with our Grand Illustrious Master Frank Bordon. The week ended with the installation of new officers. One of our own is now Grand Worthy Patron for Nebraska. Congratulations to Lucian Cecil Smith. Cecil, I know you will do a fantastic job just as you always do. I am sure we will cross paths in our travels.

I am trying my very best to come visit all our commanderies in the state. Recently I visited Palestine Commandery in North Platte. Had the chance to meet with them and their Beauceant ladies. We enjoyed fellowship, a little sword play, and angle food cake with strawberries. Thank you and all those who attended for the enjoyable evening.

I attempted to meet with St. John's Commandery in McCook but will have to reschedule for some time later this year. On the horizon this month will be visits to Melita Commandery #22 in Chadron and hope to meet with several of the members of Bethlehem Commandery #18 to examine the future of that commandery. Bethlehem Commandery was my Grand Father's Commandery. Also, I am planning to meet with Jordan Commandery #15 in Blair this next month.

I have been invited to South Dakota to observe the conferral of the Orders in an outdoor setting. What a fantastic idea. Not sure if I can make it or not at this point. Soon after I will be attending the Grand York Rite of Iowa and the Shrine Bowl Parade in Kearney.

Membership is badly needed for all our York Rite Bodies in Nebraska. For those who have been suspended over the past 5 years contact them and bring them back. Let them know you need them to survive. Your top three officers in all your lodges should at least be Royal Arch Masons. Approach them with petitions and stress the importance of completing their Blue Lodge work to be a Great Leader for their lodge. We need 100 new members this year for York Rite in Nebraska. Help be part of the solution. Please email me with the names of the people you have petitions for.

I hope all of you have a fantastic Summer. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
SK Steven R. Barchus
Grand Commander
Nebraska