



Grand Commandery Knights Templar South Dakota



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I have Great News for SD Grand Commandery! We knighted 9 new Sir Knights in Sioux Falls on March 2. This could not have happened if it were not for Cyrene Commandery having the leadership to organize the parts to make this a memorable experience for our new members. I enjoyed taking part in the ceremonies. I would also like to thank all the companions that participated in the Royal Arch and Royal/Select Master degrees in February.

I was impressed with the caliber of the new members. This is a very good start for South Dakota York Rite. Let's move ahead and look at what we can do to recruit new members in the center of the state.

It was my personal pleasure to display the new South Dakota Grand Commandery Banner. I was asked by a Past Grand Commander to pursue getting a new banner. We voted to spend the money at the Grand York Rite Session. I received it in January. The Chivalric Orders in Sioux Falls was the first event I could display the banner.

I hope as Sir Knights, we have remembered to celebrate Easter with sunrise services. I am recalling the old saying "March comes in like a lamb, goes out like a lion!" I am anticipating a white Easter. It is hard to have an Easter Egg hunt in snow. We are very dry in the west, so any moisture is welcome.

I am looking forward to spring. Maybe not so excited about the time change. I was getting used to doing the morning chores in the morning light. I will have to start gathering seeds for the garden. Let's use this metaphor for our fraternity. What are we doing to sew seeds for growing our membership!

I have already made plans to attend Nebraska Grand York Sessions and considering Manitoba Grand Chapter. My schedule is starting to fill in with travel plans. I hope to see you at Grand Lodge Annual Communications.

Fraternally,

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Grand Commander Knights Templar of South Dakota

