



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA

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Family. Friends. Two words that are vitally important to all of us.

As the saying goes “you can choose your friends but not your family.” Family is where we come from. It’s where we got our physical characteristics. Hopefully we got support and encouragement as we grew up and ventured out into the world. It’s what made us who we are. I was fortunate to be raised in a family with a strong Masonic background. My mother was a 50-year member and Past Matron of Order of Eastern Star. Dad joined Blue Lodge, then Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star and Shrine. His favorite group was the Royal Arch Masons. My wife loves and supports me. Having come from a Masonic family also, she understands the value of our fraternal organizations. We have a son who I had the pleasure of initiating when he joined Blue Lodge. There is great joy in having a family who shares our Masonic values.

Friends come and go. They come into our lives at different times for different reasons. We have friends from school, from sports, from social activities, from work, from church and from other groups we may be involved in. Some of our most meaningful friendships grow from our fraternal relationships. For example, we chose to join Commandery. There we met other like-minded men who share our Christian values and have a desire to make our world and our community a better place. In so doing, we ourselves became better men. This friendship becomes like family. We share each other’s joys and sorrows, support our brothers and rejoice in their successes. We participate with them in Ceremonies and Degree work. But we also pray for them and help them. We are there for them, as they are there for us. Sir Knights, it is a joy to know you and to call you family.

Merv Moeller
Grand Commander