



Grand Commandery Knights Templar South Dakota



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Grand Commander's Message August 2024

Congratulations! It is official; I received an email from Knights Templar Eye Foundation. As of July 2nd, South Dakota is 100% Life Sponsors. Three years ago, I reported it was a 5-year plan to reach this goal. Encouragement from the Department Commander and a challenge from our Sir Knights in North Dakota helped me pursue a quicker pace. South Dakota is the 23rd Grand Commandery to accomplish 100%; too bad it was after North Dakota (just kidding), but we did it. Thank you very much for the support of Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Cyrene Commandery, Vermillion Commandery, Capital City Commandery and St. Bernard Commandery will be receiving a 100% KTEF Life Sponsor plaque.

I would like to thank the Sir Knights of Cyrene Commandery. They will be hosting a York Rite Commandery Festival on August 24th. They did an

excellent job this spring with the York Rite Festival, and I expect they will not disappoint us. They have 5 companions ready to go through the Orders. This will put us very close to our membership goal for this year.

Knights Templar Grand Encampment Triennial is in three weeks in Salt Lake City. South Dakota will be represented by 6 Sir Knights. It should be a great time. I look forward to seeing all the Sir Knights from the North Central Conference and meeting Sir Knights from around the world. There are some important elections to decide. Sir Knight Brian Demateo from Minnesota is running for General Grand Captain General. The other General Grand Officers are being contested. This election will set the stage for the direction of the Grand Encampment.

South Dakota Grand York Rite Session at Huron is coming up quickly; September 19, 20 & 21. Please get your registration sent to the Grand Recorder; reservations are filling up fast.

Summer is going fast. Please be safe and see you in September.

Fraternally,

REGC Bruce A. Crisman, KC7

Grand Commander Knights Templar of South Dakota