

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska

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Greetings Sir Knights of Nebraska,

As we return from Summer Vacation, many of us (including myself) are returning to normal “winter” schedules that tend to ebb and flow with the cycles of schools. Friday nights, Saturday afternoons, and Sundays return to their fall cycles of various levels of football (Go Big Red), and the rhythms of life turn toward fall activities and upcoming holidays. As a reminder, Christmas is a holiday observance that does count toward the statutory obligation for all Commanderies, and September is a great time to start planning it.

The York Rite has several events coming up with a Royal Arch Festival in Papillion on September 13, South Dakota Annual communication September 18-20, and Council/Commandery Festival at the beginning of October. To extend further regarding South Dakota, I want to take a moment to talk about travel. I’ll be getting into visitation season and have several visitations scheduled before the end of the year. I look forward to seeing many Sir Knights as I perform this duty. A word about travel, both within the state and without. So many of us hear those words “In order that I might travel in foreign countries, work and receive Master’s Wages....” We work so hard to travel and in that, I think I’m beginning to understand the Master’s wages. There are so many people I never would have met, so many ideas I never would have seen, so much that I wouldn’t be thinking about or doing, if I were not traveling. It can be a burden, but the burden is light when you see the blessings. I want to encourage all Sir Knights to make visits to other Commanderies, other lodges, in state and out. There is so much of value to be had. If there is a counter to the apathy we face so often, it is to travel and visit other brethren.

Thanks!