



# Grand Commandery Knights Templar North Dakota



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## *Christmas Greetings!*

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests - **Luke 2:14***

Sir Knights,

As I write this, the turkey and all of the fixings of Thanksgiving are still fresh upon my mind (and belly). I hope that your time was filled with family and friends as you gave thanks to God.

As we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Savior during Christmas let us remember what makes us, Sir Knights...**mercy, humility, honor, sacrifice, faithfulness, courage, utmost graciousness and courtesy toward women** - a belief in God and in our salvation through asking forgiveness for our sins through his Son's death on the cross.

## **Updates**

The Sir Knights of St. Aldemar Commandery #3 will be having a Christmas gathering. More information will be out shortly so watch your inbox. All Sir Knights will be welcome to join us in Grand Forks - contact me should you be interested in joining us.

Call2Conclave - at this time, it appears that this will be held at the East Central Department Conference in Indiana on March 12th. Updates will be sent via your email as we learn more. We are hoping to send as many voting delegates as possible which include the four Dais Officers and Past Grand Commanders.

Eye Foundation - as dues are coming in - I have been receiving a good amount of contributions from our Sir Knights towards their (or even others) lifetime eye foundation membership (only a one time \$30 fee). We have also started selling raffle tickets for a patriotic AR-15 and a couple other prizes. Our goal is to pay for the prizes (approximate value of \$1,500) plus earn \$1,500 towards bringing North Dakota closer to our goal of 100% life paid membership by the end of the Triennial (August of 2024).

We are very confident that we will reach our goal and start towards 200% (such as has been accomplished by Ohio and Texas). To do this, we need **YOUR** help! Please consider including an extra \$30 for your life membership with your dues. You can also purchase your life membership by mailing a check to myself for your membership and OR raffle tickets. The tickets are \$20 each OR (6) tickets for \$100.00.

I challenge you to match or exceed my donation of \$130.00 (lifetime plus 6 tickets). The tickets being sold are limited to donating \$1,500 profit towards the Eye Foundation so your chances of winning are quite good. The drawing will be at the North Dakota York Rite Grand Banquet on July 9th 2022 in Grand Forks. You do not need to be present to win.

Membership & Budget - The Dais Officers of the Grand Commandery will be meeting via ZOOM on December 5th to finalize our budget and membership plan of action. If you would like to be invited to listen in and even provide your two cents please contact me for the meeting link.

Freemasonry is built upon three basic tenets or principles - **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth**. Brotherly Love is the practice of the Golden Rule. Relief embodies charity for all mankind. Truth is honesty, fair play, and adherence to the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice...does this combined with our Knightly values make for a Better Man? I believe so.

God be with you,  
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