



Grand Commandery Knights Templar North Dakota



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State News for November 2021



S.K. Gregory B. Taylor, R.E. Grand Commander

Greetings, Sir Knights!

There are lots of things going on in Templary at the moment. It sure is an exciting time!

First, I would like to say that North Dakota is once again represented at the international level of the Grand Encampment by our very own Right Eminent Past Department Commander and current Chairman of the 54th Annual Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Voluntary Giving - SK Lon Kvasager!

Our Charity is one of the best in the world! If you have not checked out OUR charity please visit ktef.org Our state Chair for the Eye Foundation is Eminent SK Jesse Stephan. He will be coming to visit each Commandery in the next 9 months prior to our July 2022 Grand Sessions in Grand Forks (Saturday the 9th is Commandery). Our goal is to become one of the states with 100% life membership paid (Texas and Ohio are 200% - we can do 100%). This means that each Sir Knight in the State would need to contribute a minimum of \$30 ONE TIME. I am including with the dues notices that are being sent out shortly a line item for you to help out (even if you are already a life member we would love for you to sponsor one or more who perhaps cannot afford to contribute). Eminent Grand Recorder SK Leo Roglin will have the other Recorders do the same.

Also, we will be having a GUN RAFFLE! We are having a special AR-15 engraved with a patriotic theme. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100! If you would like to order tickets you may also include this with your dues and I will fill out the tickets for you! Proceeds will all be used towards our 100% lifetime for the state. The drawing will be at our Saturday banquet on July 9th. If you are out of state - don't worry - just text me and I will hook you up!

The North Central Conference was held this past October in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We received some excellent leadership training for our officers. This is FREE and open to any Sir Knight each year - this is a three year program, please contact myself or any of the Grand Line Officers should you be interested.

We also learned that, not surprisingly, membership is the number one goal of our Most Eminent Grand Master Michael Johnson. To this end, I have appointed Eminent SK Mark Gauslow as our State Membership Chair. He has appointed a membership Chair from each of our Commanderies. We will be meeting via ZOOM on December 5th to discuss membership and complete the plan which the Grand Encampment has asked for. I know that there are a number of outstanding candidates starting their journey toward more light in the York Rite Bodies this fall. Let's not forget to mention our groups when we have the chance!

CALL2CONCLAVE, as you likely have heard, the Sir Knights of North Dakota have voted to approve this.

That is all for now - Stay Safe and enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with your friends and family.

In His Light,

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