

- David M. Dryer

R.E. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

NORTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, and WI

Sir Knight David Michael Dryer was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa 20 February 1948. His educational background is a BA Degree from the University of Iowa and Juris Doctorate Degree from Drake University. He began his legal career as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Iowa, then Assistant Warren County Attorney and subsequently opened the Dryer Law firm in Indianola, Iowa, specializing in real estate law. Dryer is a Lecturer on the faculty of Simpson College and was elected for one term as Alternate District Associate Judge.

He received an ROTC commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army and served as Platoon Leader, Aide de Camp, Company Commander, numerous staff positions and as instructor of the Officer Advance Course and the Command & General Staff Officer Course. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of military service (primarily in the U. S. Army Reserves).

Sir Knight Dryer married Cynthia L. Koester in 1970. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Brother David took his Symbolic Lodge Degrees in 1978, and served the Grand Lodge of Iowa as Grand Marshal in 2014. He joined the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in 1999, was invested a Knight Commander Court of Honor in 2003 and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 2009.

Sir Knight Dryer was Exalted, Greeted and Knighted in 1999. He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa in 2008-09, and North Central Department Commander in 2009-12. He is serving as Chief Adept of Iowa Societas Rosicruciana. He has received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor, Knight York Grand Cross of Honor, Knight Grand Cross of the Temple and is a Regent in the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Sir Knight David Dryer was appointed to serve as the North Central Department Commander by Most Eminent Grand Master Michael B. Johnson, GCT, and was installed at the 68th Triennial on 8-18-21.