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Grand Commander's Message

The following message was submitted by SK Ron Penfold, Right Eminent Grand Commander of North Dakota.

Greetings Sir Knights,

Thank you for being a Knights Templar Mason.

It is an exciting time in North Dakota as our own distinguished Sir Knight Jeffrey Norman Nelson was elected as the 59th Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. Sir Knight Jeff, you have made us proud.

In my twenty-some years knowing Jeff, he has always conducted himself in a dignified and courteous manner. He has earned the respect of every Freemason that he has been in contact with, not only in North Dakota but also throughout the Templar organization.

I read his biography in the September Knights Templar magazine and was so impressed with his achievements. He has attained all these honors so quietly and without fanfare. Like my friend Lon Kvasager said, "that's Jeff."

And what can I say about his Lady Lisa. It is always a pleasure to see her with that cheerful personality. Thank you for just being you and making things enjoyable.

During the past few months I attended the Minnesota and South Dakota Grand Sessions. It was an honor to represent you and North

Dakota at these events.

Speaking of Grand Sessions, your Grand Convocation of North Dakota York Rite bodies will be held in Minot at the Clarion Inn on April 11th – 13th, 2019. The Clarion, formerly the Holiday Inn, is near the ND State Fairgrounds and a few blocks from the Masonic Center. A block of rooms has been reserved currently at \$79.99 per night.

On a sad note, Sir Knight and Companion Past Grand Commander Stanley Whicker passed away on August 20th, 2018. His obituary and Masonic history were in the October supplement of the Knights Templar Magazine. ~RP

Carrington Meetings

On Friday, September 28th, Walter Lincoln Stockwell Priory No. 53, KYCH met in Carrington for a business meeting. No new members were added.

On Saturday, September 29th, Spirit of the Lord Tabernacle No. LXIV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; North Dakota Council No. 90, Knight Masons; and St. Felix Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine met in Carrington for business meetings. No new members were added.

M.W. Bro. Dale Sandstrom, Grand Master of North Dakota Masons attended the Red Cross of Constantine meeting. He spoke to us about the importance of Freemasonry, reaching out to our Brothers who are not currently participating, and our responsibility for the next generation of Freemasons.

Sir Knight Charles Beeber, Past Very Eminent Preceptor was presented with a certificate from The Grand College of America, HRAKTP bestowing upon him the rank and decoration of Knight Commander. Congratulations, Charlie! ~TC