



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA

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Time is just flying by. June was busy. I had a blast at Grand York Rite in Iowa. Attended their High Rollers degree and it was put on exceptionally. South Dakota started High Rollers and it looks as if it is spreading throughout The North Central Region. So much fun.

Also visited Jordan Commandery in Blair, Malita Commandery in Chadron, MM Degree in Waterloo, Royal Arch Degrees in Plattsmouth, and became a founding member of the first Gratto in Nebraska. I had the honor of attending two youth events. First was Rainbow Grand Assembly. I saw something that was a little inspirational. They initiated a young lady during their grand session. When they were done, they announced that she was now a member of Rainbow. She clasped her hands and gave a bit of a joyful hop. I love the exuberance. We should all take a lesson from this. No speeches about coming back...just the joy of the moment. We should all be this way when we go through initiations. After this was Job's and another fantastic youth experience. Congratulations to all the girls who attended both of these fabulous events. Thank you to all the adult leaders who make these groups possible.

I was not able to attend Minnesota's Grand session. Thank you to Joseph Charbonneau for representing me and reporting back. Joseph has also been researching an addition to our uniform. Looking at a ritual ribbon which may be something we add here in Nebraska. Thank you for all your hard work.

Two Royal Arch festivals we had hopes of getting organized have fallen through. There will be no festival in Alliance or Hastings at this time. Hope the one in Lincoln comes together. Let's get out there and recruit for Royal Arch. If we get them in there they will want to continue.

If you get this before Grand York Rite in North Dakota (July6-8) I need someone to represent me.

July brings of course the celebration on the 4th. Celebrate our nation, stay safe, and enjoy!!!! I will be visiting Gethsemane Commandery, attending DeMolay Conclave, visiting Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and preparing for Triennial in Branson.

I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to meet with me during my travels. We have a fantastic group, and we need to extend it to include the other fine Mason's who are not members of our three bodies. I charge each of you to fill out and bring in 1 new member. That would set a record and should not be that difficult. We will find a way to do the work. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help your Commandery. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!!!

Sincerely,
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