



# IDAHO KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## Editor's Note

If anyone would like to submit an article for the Idaho Knightly News, please email me your article using Microsoft Word. Keep it between 1 page and 1.5 pages.

## Upcoming Events:

Grand York Rite of Washington .... May 8-10  
Grand York Rite of Utah ..... May 8-10  
Grand York Rite of Montana ..... Jun 5-7  
Grand York Rite of Colorado ..... Sep 4-6  
Grand York Rite of Wyoming ..... Sep 11-14

## Message from the Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

This month marks the end of my time as Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Idaho. It's hard to believe it has been nearly 19 years since I first knelt at the altar of Freemasonry, and just over 16 years since I was dubbed and created a Knight Templar. Never did I imagine that the

journey would take me to where I am today. Along the way, I've been blessed with opportunities to serve Masonry not only in Idaho but across the country and around the world, in ways I could have never foreseen.

These accomplishments are not mine alone. Nothing of value in this Fraternity is done in isolation, and I am aware that I would not be here without the support of so many of you. You have inspired me with your dedication, encouraged me through your friendship, supported me in your labors, and, perhaps most importantly, tolerated me in my shortcomings. For all of this, and more than I can express in words, I am deeply and eternally grateful.

As I prepare to pass the sword of command to my successor, I do so with confidence in the future of our Grand Commandery. I will continue to serve where I can and support those who follow, for the mission of Templary does not end with a term of office - it is a lifelong calling.

Thank you, Sir Knights, for entrusting me with this sacred responsibility. May the Great Captain of our Salvation continue to guide and bless you all in your labors.