

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

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Keith A. Myhre, REGC
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To: All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers, and Sir Knights of all Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa.

It is with great sadness that I must announce the passing of Past Grand Commander Dennis N. Boemer, REPGC 2010-2011 who passed to the Grand Asylum above on December 21, 2024. Dennis was also a PGHP serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa in 2017-2018.

Dennis Nicholas Boehmer, 70, went to his heavenly home Saturday, December 21, 2024 at Avera St. Benedict Hospital. Masonic funeral service will be Saturday, December 28 at 10:30 am at the American Legion Hall in Parkston. Visitation will be Friday, December 27 from 4 to 6 pm at Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Parkston.

Dennis was Knighted on April 28, 2001 and belonged to the Sioux City York Rite bodies and was currently serving as their Secretary/Recorder. He was a Past High Priest of Sioux City Chapter #26, Past Illustrious Master of Zadok Council #24, and Past Eminent Commander of Columbian Commandery #18.



Dennis N. Boehmer
Grand Commander
2010-2011
12/4/1954 - 12/21//2024

Dennis was born December 4, 1954 to Patrick and Lenora (Hoff) Boehmer in Parkston, SD the second oldest among his four siblings. He graduated from Parkston High School in 1973. While in high school, he also worked for the City of Parkston. He attended Mitchell Tech and graduated with a degree in electronics. After graduation in May of 1977, Dennis went to work for United Telecom and was stationed at Harlan, Iowa. He was united in marriage to Sally Ann Thiesse on May 29, 1976 in Olivet, SD. He lived in Harlan, IA and Lincoln, NE where he worked for Midland Telephone before moving to Sioux City, IA where he worked for Gazelle Telephone and High Point Telephone. He has been involved in the telephone industry to date. He was currently employed as a voice engineer for EarthBend.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Sally of Dimock, SD; 4 children: Shawn Boehmer of Council Bluffs, NE; Matt Boehmer of Sioux City; Chris Boehmer of Sioux City; and Alicia Boehmer of Sioux City; his father, Patrick Boehmer of Parkston; and 4 grandchildren, Emma, Lexi, Jasper and Grayson. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lenora.

Dennis began his Masonic life in October of 1990 at Triangle Lodge #643 in Sioux City Iowa. He was appointed as Senior Steward in 1991 and progressed thru the line, serving as Worshipful Master. Dennis served as Master of Triangle Lodge in 1995 and 2016. After serving as Master, he took over the Secretarial duties for four years. He was formerly a member of Twilight Lodge #329 in Spirit Lake. He served on the Credentials Committee for the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Dennis became a member of Azure Chapter OES in 1991 and was honored to be invested by his wife Sally who was a Past Matron of Azure Chapter. He served as Secretary for a couple of years.

Dennis joined the Sioux City Valley of the Scottish Rite in Spring of 1999. He participates in various degrees and has served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. He was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2005.

Dennis joined the Sioux City York Rite Bodies in the spring of 2001. He works in various degrees and orders. He served as Excellent High Priest, Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander of the Sioux City York Bodies in 2005. Dennis was currently serving as the Secretary/Recorder for the Sioux City York Rite Bodies.

Dennis had served on the Sioux City #26 Rainbow Advisory Board from 1993 to 1997 and received the Rainbow Grand Cross of Colors honor for his services. He received his KYCH Honor in 2006 and was a member of Charles Clyde Hunt Prior #42 KYCH and was a Knight York Grand Cross of Honor (KYGCH). He was a member of Iowa York College #37 and Lewis and Clark #199. He is a recipient of the Gold Award and is a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He served as the secretary of Lewis & Clark College #199.

He is a member of St. Bartholomew Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and Last Supper Tabernacle XVIII, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, where he served as Very Eminent Preceptor in 2022. He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland joining in 2010. He received the Knight of Ish Sodi award from the Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Iowa in 2010.

He became a member of the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master and Past

Commanders Association in 2005. He served as the President of the Past Commanders Association in 2010.

Dennis started his Grand Commandery service in 2005 where he served as Grand Senior Warder for Right Eminent Grand Commander George Harrison. He served as Grand Warder for Right Eminent Grand Commander Steve Libby. He ran for Grand Generalissimo in 2008 and was elected to that position. In 2010 he was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Iowa. He was presented with his Knight Commander of Temple by the Grand Encampment in September 2010 at his reception.

Dennis was appointed as Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa in 2013. He progressed through the line, serving as the 162nd Grand High Priest during 2017 – 2018.



Visitation
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday, December 27, 2024
Koehn Bros Funeral Home - Parkston
309 W. Main St.
Parkston, South Dakota, United States
605-928-3241

Masonic Funeral Service
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Saturday, December 28, 2024
Parkston American Legion
221 W. Main St.
Parkston, South Dakota, United States

Chivalric Regards,

Keith A. Myhre
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:

Scott A. Schabacker
Grand Recorder