



## Grand Commander



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## Grand Commander's Message

*My command is this, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

*John 15:12*

Greetings Sir Knights,

How many of you have ever had the honor of meeting and talking to a Medal of Honor Recipient? Not many, if any, I presume.

This past weekend, at the Winston Salem Masonic Center, I had the distinct honor and pleasure of meeting Colonel Joseph Marm Jr. Col. Marm received the Medal of Honor while serving in the US Army during Viet Nam. At the time he was a Lt. in charge of a platoon being held down by enemy fire. Acting without regard to his own safety, he proceeded to take on the enemy alone, and being hit multiple times by enemy fire, he succeeded in eradicating the enemy and saving his platoon.

Although Col. Marm is not a Mason, he exemplified what Masonry is about. Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. He was willing to lay down his life for his brothers in arms in order to protect them.

As masons, more especially Knight Templars, we need to start looking at ourselves as not who we are, but who we should be. Almost every day of our lives we have a chance to help someone in need. Such as simply holding a door for a stranger, or volunteering to help out in a community or church event. Every day gives us a chance to help someone in need.

Remember our Blue Lodge charge:

*These generous principles are to extend further, every human being has a claim upon your kind office, do good unto all.*

Fraternally in Christ,

Sparkie Travis  
Grand Commander



## Reminder: District Schools of the Knight Schedule for 2022

**Raleigh** – Mark Alexander, Grand Instructor/Inspector for the Grand Commandery of NC has announced several district-level meetings for ritual instruction throughout the state. Starting in September and running through November there will be a School of the Knight instruction class presented for each district in NC at a host Body's stated communication.

The Class will cover basic Instruction for Sword work, the full form opening, and basic ritual setup. The class will be taught from the newly approved NC Tactics Manual. A link for this manual should be available soon. Commanderies are requested to order 10 copies each for their use when they become available.

The Class should last about an hour and a half. Commandery officers and Sir Knights from each Commandery in the scheduled districts are requested to attend and to bring your sword and belt and any extra swords that you may have in case we may need them.

Full Class A Uniforms may be worn but are not required. The main goal is to come together and learn so our Rituals and Ceremonies may be presented with the dignity and grandeur they deserve and stop short forming just to get through them.

Sir Knight Alexander says, "My goal is to never see a Commandery 'declared' open again. We do not do it in Blue Lodge, so why do it in an Asylum?"

The schedule is as follows:

Date	Host Body	Location	Dist. No.	District Commanderies
Sept. 6	Charlotte #2	<a href="#">Charlotte Temple</a>	7	Malta #19
Sept. 7	Raleigh #4	<a href="#">JJ Crowder Lodge</a>	5	Palestine #20 Nazareth #41
Sept. 13	Calvary #25	<a href="#">Orr Lodge</a>	1	Griggs #14 Bethlehem #29
Oct. 4	Lenoir #33	<a href="#">Hibriten Lodge</a>	8	Hickory #17 Wilkes #40
Oct. 10	Oxford #39	<a href="#">Oxford Lodge</a>	4	Durham #3
Nov. 3	Goldsboro #26	<a href="#">Wayne Lodge</a>	3	Mt. Lebanon #7 St. Bernard #21 St. Paul #18
Nov. 8	St Johns #10	<a href="#">New Bern Temple</a>	2	Plantagenet #1
Nov. 21	Piedmont #6	<a href="#">Winston Temple</a>	6	Ivanhoe #8 High Point #24 Salisbury #13
Nov. 22	Cyrene #5	<a href="#">Asheville Temple</a>	9	Waynesville #31

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Salisbury Table Council Raises Funds For York Rite Charities

**Salisbury** – The Salisbury York Rite Bodies held their annual table council on Monday, August 1. The Companions and Sir Knights dined well on prime rib with all of the trimmings and desserts.



Sir Knights dined on prime rib at Salisbury's annual table council



PMIGM Russel Bridges won a top door prize

Door prizes were given out, including handmade slimline ink pens, personally crafted by Sir Knight Matthew Holland, a well-known woodworker in the local bodies.

Including the gun raffle, over \$2,000 was raised that night, to be shared between the Grand

Chapter, Council, and Commandery charities.

### Durham York Rite Hosts Annual Summer Picnic

**Chapel Hill** – On Thursday August 25, the Companions and Sir Knights of the Durham York Rite Bodies held their annual summer picnic at University Lodge in Chapel Hill.



Sir Knights and their families enjoying food and fellowship the picnic.



mmm... fresh brownies!

Many Sir Knights brought their wives and families with them and enjoyed a buffet of homecooked goods. Apparently, there were also some tempting and delicious walnut fudge brownies! Diets were definitely a casualty of the evening's feast!

### Important Reminders:

**September 6:** Charlotte York Rite hosts the District 7 School of the Knight.

**September 7:** Raleigh York Rite hosts the District 5 School of the Knight.

**September 7 & 10:** Greensboro York Rite Fall Festival at the Greensboro Masonic Temple. Wednesday's meeting will start at 7:00 PM, degrees start at 7:30 PM. Saturday's degrees start at 8:00 AM. Lunch provided for Saturday.

**September 13:** Washington York Rite York Rite hosts the District 1 School of the Knight.

**September 19:** Salisbury York Rite Fall Degree Festival begins at the Salisbury Temple, starting at 7:00 PM, no meal planned.

**September 19:** Wilkesboro York Rite Fall Degree Festival begins at the North Wilkesboro Lodge #407, starting at 6:30 PM, no meal planned.