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Grand Commander's Message

Greetings Sir Knights,

Yes, another road trip. This time it's the Mid Atlantic Conference in Crystal City VA. And since I just now arrived here you will just have to wait until tomorrow when, I hope, there just might be something of real importance I can pass on to you...

Well, conference is over for another year. Nothing new to report, mostly talked about membership and how to get new members. To me, the best way to get new members is to first, get them into your Blue Lodge. After all, unless they are a Master Mason, they can't become a member of the York Rite.

Enough said about that. Looking forward to our homecoming event at the Children's home in Oxford Oct. 7,8, and 9. The Grand Commandery of N.C. will be marching in the parade in full regalia this year. Also on Saturday, October 8, after the parade the gates to the BBQ pit area will be opened. All the BBQ items that were in the cook off will be offered free of charge. So bring an empty belly and great appetite and while you're at it, thank all the guys who participated in the cook off and congratulate the winners.

Sir Knights, it goes without saying, our Heavenly Father has blessed us all in our endeavors to be where we are at today. Without Him by our side, we are just wandering sheep with hungry wolves behind every rock in our pathway.

As you may recall in each of the first three degrees the first question you were asked, "What do you most desire?" Well Sir Knights, the light is out there. It's up to each one of us to find and follow it. The more you learn the brighter it will shine. But most importantly, "Share the Light!"

I'll leave you with these words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Matthew 5:16

Fraternally in Christ,

Sparkie Travis
Grand Commander

Calvary #25 Hosts District 1 School of the Knight

Washington – On Tuesday September 13, 2022, Calvary #25 hosted the 1st District 'School of the Knight.' Sir Knight Mark Alexander, Grand Instructor/Inspector for the Grand Commandery of NC, led the evening's instruction. Sir Knight Russell Scull, District 1 Instructor/Inspector, assisted along with the watchful eye and instructive tongue of REGC Sparkie Travis.

The night consisted of schooling in the Sword Work and the full opening of the Order of the Temple. This was a fast-paced program that lasted a little over one and a half hours. The Sword Work commands were broken down step by step, so all were able to perform the maneuvers properly. The full opening was rehearsed with all the proper tactics.



REGC Sparkie Travis, SK Mark Alexander, and EC Russell Scull host the 1st District School of the Knight

This program can be adapted into segments. Each segment can be used as educational moments for our Commanderies.

This article was contributed by EC Russell Scull, Griggs #14, and District 1 Instructor / Inspector

Nazareth #41 Lays Wreath at Arlington National Cemetery

Southern Pines – On August 22, twelve Sir Knights of Nazareth #41 traveled from Southern Pines to Northern Virginia, to the Arlington National Cemetery and laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Photos & article courtesy of EC Trent Carter, Nazareth #41

Following the ceremony, the group traveled over to Alexandria to visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Ivanhoe #8, Nazareth #41, & High Point #24 confer the Orders to 6 new Knights

Greensboro – On September 7 and 10, the Greensboro York Rite Bodies, assisted by Sir Knights of

Nazareth #41 and High Point #24 conferred the degrees and the Commandery Orders of Red Cross and Malta to 6 candidates. The Order of the Temple will be conferred on November 16 at Castle McCullough.

PGC Stencil Wilson joined with the officers and Sir Knights of Nazareth #41 to confer the Order of Malta. For many years, High Point #24 has conferred this degree for the Piedmont Area commanderies. At this Fall Festival, the torch was officially handed over to Nazareth #41.



PGC Stencil Wilson (seated, center) and the degree team for the Order of Malta, with Sir Knights from Ivanhoe #8 and High Point #24

“Castle Degree” Scheduled for November 16 to Benefit the Knights Templar Education Foundation

Jamestown – The members of Nazareth Commandery No.41 are hosting a special conferral of the Order of the Temple and a Public Knighting Ceremony at Castle McCullough, in Jamestown, NC, on November 16. This will be a full form Conferring of the Order followed by a Public Knighting Ceremony. It will be a rare opportunity to experience the solemn and majestic ceremonies of the Order of the Temple in an authentic atmosphere. The special conferral of the Order will be conferred by Nazareth #41 of Southern Pines.

Dinner will be at 5:00pm with the Order to follow. There will be a light sandwich table laid out for everyone in the Crystal Ballroom. This is not a traditional sit-down meal, but more of a deli bar for you to make your own meal.

Following the conferral of the Order of the Temple, Palestine #20 will perform a public knighting Ceremony for the new Sir Knights and their family and friends.

All Knights Templar and Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend and experience this most memorable occasion. Tickets are required and are \$50 and may be ordered online. There will be many special items on display and insightful remarks from our past and present Leaders. A schedule of all the events will be sent to registered guests upon issuance of their tickets.

All proceeds from this event go to the [Knights Templar Education Foundation](#). The Knights Templar Education Foundation provides scholarships for worthy candidates who are pursuing higher education. This is indeed important work of our Order!



Tickets may be reserved now by visiting:

<http://www.ncgyorkrite.org/gckt/castleform.html>

OR

<http://www.weareknights Templar.com>

You may also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/signetofzerubbabel>



If you have candidates who are interested, the fee for candidates is \$100.00. To get your candidate registered, please provide the date and local Commandery where they received, or will receive by November 16, along

with their phone number and email address. We will verify these dates with the local Recorders as the event draws near.

Spaces for candidates are limited and we will cease new registrations when we are full. Candidates must have already received the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta before participating or attending this event.

Existing Sir Knights in good standing may also participate in the Conferral and the Public Knighting for an additional \$50. To register a candidate, reserve your tickets, contact us directly at:

mdanielus@yahoo.com or 336-880-2996

Candidates should be at the Castle by 3:00pm on November 16th. The knights will cross the drawbridge at 5:45pm and the Order will commence at 6:00pm.

Charlotte #2 Hosts District 7 School of the Knight

Charlotte – On Tuesday September 6, 2022, Charlotte #2 hosted the 7th District’s School of the Knight. Present for the occasion were the Grand Chief Instructor Inspector, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, and District Grand High Priest.

As reported by SK Ron Whitener, Secretary/Recorder of the Charlotte York Rite Bodies, “Eminent Commander Chuck Reid welcomed SK Mark Alexander, Grand Chief Inspector instructor, who presented a very complete and most through workings of the opening of our Orders and the proper work of the Commandery. His knowledge, wisdom, leadership, and cherished friendship shared made the Charlotte Commandery more uniform and proper in opening and governing our Commandery. His willingness to share the rewards of opening a Commandery in proper form was a welcome treasure to cherish!”

Important Reminders:

NOW: Plan out your Commandery’s annual Christmas Observance! It’ll be here before you realize it!

October 4: Lenoir York Rite hosts the District 8 School of the Knight.

October 8: Masonic Homecoming Festival at Oxford Orphanage, parade begins at 11:00am.

October 10: Oxford York Rite hosts the District 4 School of the Knight.

October 17: Salisbury York Rite Bodies conferring the Council Degrees, and Commandery Orders of Red Cross and Malta at the Salisbury Temple.

November 3: Goldsboro York Rite hosts the District 3 School of the Knight.

November 7: Salisbury #13 conferring the Order of the Temple at the Salisbury Temple.