

North Carolina

April Edition

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Dear Sir Knights

I am honored to be serving as your Grand Commander this coming year. I will work to continue to earn your support and confidence.

I want to take a moment to thank PGC Gene Lewellyn and his counterparts, Dan Hogue PMEGHP and Doug Soltow PMIGM, for all their hard work and dedication. They all did a wonderful job representing us both in North Carolina and out of state. The three visited all local bodies together. That is quite a task and I thank them for their time and service.

In the coming months I will be outlining some of the goals that I have set for this coming year. Your three presiding officers have selected the theme "Making a Difference" for our year. Within that theme, I will be stressing "Spread The Word". I will expand further on this theme in the next Knight Templar Magazine.

This year we will be selling a print of the York Rite Chapel at the MHC in Oxford. The print has been done by Nicole Oakley, a former student at MHC. All the profit will be donated to our charities, including the MHC. I encourage you to purchase a print and show it to all of your Masonic friends. It is something that all Masons can be proud of.

By the time you read this, Easter will have come and gone. I hope that you celebrated the resurrection of our Savior in an appropriate manner.

Please mark your calendars and join with us at your district meeting. A list is posted here. Meal will be at 6:30 with the meeting starting at 7:30. York Rite Day will be in Elizabeth City on May 1 this year.

If I can answer any questions, or if you have an idea to make our York Rite better; please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Kirby Matthews
Grand Commander

2004 District Meetings

April 1	District 5	Fayetteville Bodies
April 5	District 6	Salisbury Bodies
April 12	District 3	Wilson Bodies
April 13	District 2	New Bern Bodies
April 19	District 7	Monroe Bodies (Now includes Gastonia Bodies)
May 25	District 9	Asheville Bodies
June 1	District 8	Lenior Bodies
June 8	District 4	Henderson Bodies
June 29	District 1	Washington Bodies

Chapeau Ritual

Each command Uncover and Recover is always given in two parts.

1. Un.
2. COVER.

At the command Cover, take the chapeau by the front piece with the left hand. Raise the chapeau from the head and place it on the right shoulder, slightly to the front, holding it in that position with the left hand.

1. Re.
2. COVER.

Replace the chapeau on the head. Drop the hand to the side.

Note

Uncover is never executed unless the swords are sheathed, at an order, or (with the right hand) when at a secure.

Hand Salute Ritual.

The command is given in two parts.

1. Hand,
2. SALUTE.

Raise the right hand smartly till the tip of the forefinger touches the lower part of the headdress (if uncovered, the forehead) above the right eye, thumb and fingers extended and joined, palm to the left, forearm inclined at about 45 degrees, hand and wrist straight; at the same time look toward the person saluted; drop the arm smartly by the side.