

North Carolina

November Edition

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Sir Knights,

Today is September 21st! Many of our Masonic brothers and/or their families have been affected by the recent hurricane. By the time you read this the healing process will be well underway, but we still need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. I know you will help those who have special needs and it is within your power to do so. There would be no better way to “Accentuate the Positives”.

Yesterday, the Winston-Salem and Greensboro York Rite Bodies joined together in the second day of their Fall Festival and Knighted 4 new Sir Knights. Three are members of the Greensboro Bodies (my home Bodies) and one is the new member of the Winston-Salem Bodies. We welcome these new Sir Knights. I am very grateful for having had a part in this very special day.

The new Sir Knight in the Winston-Salem Bodies is a *young* man who has lived and taught in Ireland. He flattered me very much when he told me what an honor it was for him to be raised by the Grand Master of Masons in Ireland and Knighted by the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina. What a honor and a privilege it is to serve our great Fraternity.

In a few short days, we will be going to Winston-Salem for the fall meeting of *our* Grand Lodge. The business will include many reports, voting on amendments to the Code, election of officers, etc. By the time you read this, you and your delegates will have already attended this very important event in the life of all North Carolina Masons. As the Master of the Blue Lodge instructs, I hope and pray the delegates have “looked well to their ballots and voted for the good of Masonry”.

Your Grand presiding officers continue to travel to Local bodies and make out-of-state visits. We still have a number of visits to make, both Local and out-of-state. We look forward to these visits with the same enthusiasm as when we began our journey. The Great Architect has continued to bless us with health and safe travel. The three of us have been able to visit every North Carolina York Rite body “together”. This was a goal of ours when we began our year together.

I just recently attended the Grand York Rite meeting in Louisville Kentucky. The Chapter, Council, and Commandery do meet together there as opposed to some states. They do have separate installation of officers instead of the way we take pride in doing in North Carolina.

Companions and Sir Knights, if you have not attended the Salisbury and Durham York Rite picnics, you have missed some great Masonic fellowship. I have had the privilege of attending both of these Masonic events this year. Watch for these special dates next year and take advantage of these opportunities to continue to “Accentuate the Positives”.

The Greensboro York Rite Bodies recently honored me and my family with a wonderful banquet. To all those who were able to attend, please know how much your attendance meant to Maggie and I. If we could have accommodated everyone, it would have been my desire to have invited every York Rite Mason I know, but we had to be realistic. Our heartfelt thanks go out to those who worked so hard to make this event a very special time in our lives.

Sir Knight J. W. Mayberry, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Virginia, recently shared a writing by Calvin Coolidge with me. I would like to share it with you.

Press On

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence!

Talent will not; nothing is more common than
unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education alone will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

**Persistence
and
Determination
Alone are Omnipotent**

PLANNED NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
November 1	33° Conferral	New Bern
November 3	Blue Lodge meeting	Madison
November 4	Local (change)	High Point
November 5	York Rite meeting	Greensboro
November 7-8	Red Cross of Constantine	Monroe
November 10	Local	Oxford
November 11	Eastern Star meeting	Stokesdale
November 12	Scottish Rite meeting	Greensboro
November 15	Cornerstone Laying and Dedication	Oxford (MHCO)
November 17	Local	Jacksonville
November 22	KCCH conferral	Winston-Salem
November 25	Eastern Star meeting	Stokesdale
November 27	Thanksgiving	All Masons
November 29	Grand Master's Recognition dinner	Wilmington

Sincerely and fraternally,

M. Gene Lewellyn, KYCH, KCT, 33°

R. E. Grand Commander

