

North Carolina

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Sir Knights,

Today is August 26th! Can you believe 5 months have passed since our Grand York Rite meeting and we took office? I guess it goes back to the old cliché; “Time flies when you are having fun”. When you “Accentuate the Positives”, you can’t help but have fun.

Even though many of the local York Rite Bodies are “dark” in July and August, your three Grand presiding officers have managed to keep busy. On August 9th I was privileged to attend the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. The meeting was held in Indianapolis Indiana. Eight Sir Knights from North Carolina were among those receiving the coveted Order of the Purple Cross. They are: Sir Knights – Billy Canupp, Jr., Manuel Housely, Harold Kessler, Steven Pendergrass, James Reddish, Jack Scott, Wallace Scott and Hugh K. Terrell, Jr. We want to congratulate all of these very deserving Sir Knights. The conferral was under the leadership of Sir Knight David L. Hargett, Jr., Preeminently Distinguished Governor General of the Sovereign College of North America. If our count was correct, there were a total 28 North Carolina Companions and Sir Knights in attendance.



We had wonderful “Local” meetings with the Companions and Sir Knights in Wilson and Washington on August 11 and 12 respectfully. We continue to be received with fraternal greetings and positive outlooks. The power pot, started by our immediate predecessors, is still a very positive fund raising tool for our charities. Thanks be to all the Companions and Sir Knights who have contributed thus far.

Sir Knight “Pete” Cook, Past Grand Commander, was presented the Grand Guardian of the Temple Award by Sir Knight William Jackson Jones. This is a Grand Encampment award presented for outstanding service to the Fraternity and very rarely given. It is always good to see a deserving Mason rewarded for his unselfish labors in the quarries of Freemasonry.

The 62nd Triennial of the Grand Encampment was held in St. Louis, MO on August 17-20. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this Triennial session as your Grand Commander. Attending with me were Sir Knights; Kirby Matthews, Deputy Grand Commander; Dennis Mikeal, Grand Generalissimo; William B. Brunk, Grand Captain General; Past Grand Commanders – Gerald Ringler, Phil Presley, and Dennis L. “Pete” Cook. Also attending were Sir Knights: Robert A. Schafer, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary/Recorder and Right Puissant Joseph J. Vale, General Grand Conductor of the Work – Cryptic Masons International.

We want to thank Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Past Most Eminent Grand Master, for his very positive leadership and direction during the past three years. Sir Knight Kenneth Fischer was elected Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight David D. Goodwin, of New York, was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General, beginning his journey through the Grand Encampment line. Each officer serves a three year term.

On August 23rd, we attended the grand opening of the Charlotte York Rite Masonic Center. This Center was not contracted out and forgotten until it was finished. Many of the Companions and Sir Knights from the Charlotte Bodies and other York Rite Bodies have put many hours of labor and love, as well as money, into this magnificent edifice. And to make the taste even sweeter, there is no debt. Congratulations!!!!

PLANNED OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 1	York Rite meeting	Greensboro
October 2	Local	Goldsboro
October 6	Blue Lodge meeting	Madison
October 7	Local	High Point
October 8	Scottish Rite meeting	Greensboro
October 9	Local	Concord
October 11	Scottish Rite Reunion (1 day)	Greensboro
October 13	Local	S. Pines
October 14	Eastern Star meeting	Stokesdale
October 17	Local	Waynesville
October 20	Local	Monroe
October 22	Local	Winston-Salem
October 23	Amaranth Grand Court	Fayetteville
October 25	York Rite banquet	Salisbury
October 27	Local	Greenville
October 28	Eastern Star meeting	Stokesdale
October 29	Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club	Rockingham
October 30	A.M.D.	Greensboro

Sincerely and fraternally,

M. Gene Lewellyn, KYCH, KCT, 33°

R. E. Grand Commander

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.