

## North Carolina

### September Edition

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Sir Knights,

On Independence Day, I wondered if I had taken any freedom for granted that day. Did you? I'm sure we all did. Each time we talk about or think about our theme, "Accentuate the Positives", I hope we will think about how blessed we really are. Not only do we live in the greatest country in the world, but we are privileged to be members of the greatest fraternity in the world.

Attending the Grand Assembly of North Carolina, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Raleigh was a wonderful experience. The colors, the pomp and circumstance, and the pageantry were spectacular. We were treated like royalty. Your three Grand presiding officers were proud to present a check, on behalf of the North Carolina York Rite Bodies, to Miss Amy Marie Harp, Grand Worthy Advisor. A few of the projects Amy wanted the Rainbows to concentrate on during her year were the Estella M. Bell and Etrulia H. Taylor Scholarships; Ronald McDonald House; and the Susan Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. It was a very rewarding experience to be surrounded by the beauty and enthusiasm of these young women. They were really "Accentuating the Positives".

St. John's Day at Oxford was wonderful. We had beautiful weather for the parade and the other activities. A number of Sir Knights marched proudly and did the Grand Commandery proud. Many of the people attending toured one of the new cottages. If you have not visited one of the new cottages, please do so, you will not believe your eyes. The thought, planning, and study that went into these cottages regarding comfort, usefulness, security, etc. is unbelievable.

Let me encourage you to visit your Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro and the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. These are wonderful facilities and each of us helps to support them. There have been 38 cottages built at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and others are in the planning stages. There are 7 new cottages at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (each will house 8 children and the house parents).

I have just returned from our York Rite Summer Assembly held in Maggie Valley located in the Great Smoky Mountains. The blessings we received are too numerous to try to mention all of them. All of the meetings were well attended. I want to extend a special thank you to my Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Gene Cobb, who brought us a very inspiring message at our Divine Service on Sunday afternoon. Those who brought special messages during our meetings are to be commended. The putt putt golf tournament was a big success. We had 47 participants. Some of us came away empty handed because we did not putt as well as Steven Walston or Gail Hogue. As always, our "chapeaus" are off to all those who work so very hard year after year to make the cookout such a wonderful event. We had some rain on the cookout, but in keeping with our theme "Accentuate the Positives", it only served to draw us closer together under the umbrellas, tents, shelter and porch. I would not dare try to name all those responsible for making our Summer Assembly such a special part of York Rite Masonry. Let us all thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for them, He knows who they are.

It is now Sunday evening, the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. I had the honor of participating in the conferral of the DeMolay Legion of Honor this afternoon. The designate receiving the Honorary Legion of

Honor was Sir Knight David L. Hargett, Jr., Preeminently Distinguished Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Sir Knight Hargett was nominated by the North Carolina DeMolay. Bro. William J. Price, Jr., was the designate receiving the Active Legion of Honor. He was nominated by the Raleigh Chapter. Sir Knight Allen D. Spain, Sr., member of the Greensboro York Rite Bodies received the coveted DeMolay Cross of Honor. He was nominated by the Greensboro Chapter. State Master Councilor, Steven Gourley, was the Chevalier designate. Steven was nominated by the Greensboro Chapter. Let us all congratulate these very worthy recipients.

**Man’s way leads to a hopeless end but God’s way leads to an endless hope.**

PLANNED SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
September 2	Local	Rocky Mount
September 3	York Rite Festival	Greensboro
September 4	Local	Fayetteville
September 8	Local	S. Pines
September 9	Local	New Bern
September 10	Local	Hickory
September 12	M.S.R.I.C.F.	Monroe
September 14-17	Grand York Rite	Kentucky
September 20	York Rite Festival	Winston-Salem
September 23	Eastern Star meeting	Stokesdale
September 24	Past Masters Ladies night	Greensboro
September 26-27	Grand Lodge	Winston-Salem
September 30	York Rite College	Greensboro

Sincerely and Fraternally,

M. Gene Lewellyn, KYCH, KCT, 33°  
R. E. Grand Commander

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**HONORS AND SALUTES**

The composition consisting of the words and music known as the "Star Spangled Banner" is designated the National Anthem of the United States of America.

At all parades and ceremonies under arms the Commandery will render the prescribed salute and will remain in the position of salute while the National Anthem is being played. (The prescribed salute will be retained until the last note).

If not under arms, the Commandery will be brought to attention at the first note of the National Anthem and the salute rendered by the officer in command.

The same rules apply when To The Color is sounded as when the National Anthem is played. The National Anthem shall be played through without repetition of any part not required to make it complete. The playing of the National Anthem as a part of a medley is prohibited.