

North Carolina

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Sir Knights,

Now that summer is over, it is time to gear back up with York Rite Festivals in many bodies. If your body is preparing to hold a festival, please contact your secretary or degree master and offer to help out. One of the easiest ways to help out is to bring in candidates. We must continue to advertise the wonderful lessons that our York Rite teaches.

I have many people I wish to thank in this issue. First I must thank all of the people that made Summer Assembly such a success. Starting with the Order of Knight of York on Saturday night and concluding with the wonderful speakers, this years Summer Assembly was as good as any I have ever attended.

Thank you to the cast that did such a great job on the Knight of York.

Thank you to David Hargett, Galard Moore, Robin Hargett and the many others that worked so hard to make the picnic a big success. It looked like this was the largest crowd we have ever had. So many, many people helped prepare the meal that I would miss someone if I tried to name them – but please accept my thanks to all of you.

The speakers at the meeting were EXCELLENT! Everyone I have talked to since the Assembly has talked about how good the speakers were. A special thanks to WM Leonard Safrit who made the trip all the way across NC to be with us. WM Leonard has supported the York Rite all year and that is greatly appreciated by Carroll, Dewey and myself.

One of the highlights of the Summer Assembly took place on Monday night when PGC Pete Cook and PGC Gene Lewellyn joined with me to present Robin Hargett with the “Companion of the Temple” award. This award comes from Grand Encampment and can be presented to anyone who is NOT a Knight Templar but goes above and beyond the call in serving our Commandery. Robin Hargett has spent many days and nights working to support all the Sir Knights in NC and is most deserving of the recognition.

If you know of a “non-Templar” who is deserving of the “Companion of the Temple” Award, please let me know.

On July 30 I traveled to Atlanta for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America annual assembly. Preeminently Distinguished Governor General David Hargett gave up his office. Many Companion Knights from North Carolina were in attendance and showed that Masonry here in NC is alive and well. Thank you to all that came to be with us in Atlanta.

The Salisbury York Rite bodies hosted their annual Table Council on August 2. This Table Council takes place the first Monday in August every year. This year there was a total of \$1,500 raised for the power pot. It was a night of not only good fellowship but helped our charities.

Secretaries: Please notify me when your bodies will be doing festivals. Also please pass the info on to our internet chairman Al Hardy so he can put it on the Tarheel Out and About. There are times that we may have a brother in our Blue Lodge that can not attend local festivals due to other commitments, but would be able to travel and be a courtesy candidate. Please post your festival dates for all to see. ALSO – Have you turned in numbers to count toward the Huntley Award this year. Awards Chairman PGC Charles Ray Thomas needs your reports. You can also contact your district officers for help.

Sir Knights – It is hard to believe that my year serving you as Grand Commander is almost half over. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and travels so far. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you.

Fraternally yours,

Kirby Matthews

North Carolina DeMolay.

On Sunday, July 18, 2004 the North Carolina State Association of DeMolay conferred the investiture of the Legion of Honor at the Swansboro Masonic Lodge (on Old Hammock Road. off NC Hwy 24). The Investiture ceremonies began at 2:00 PM. Refreshments were served afterwards by Swansboro Eastern Star Chapter, Seaside#238.

The Legion of Honor is the highest honor that can be conferred by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay and is presented for exceptional service to our youth in particular or to humanity in general. This year designates are quite surely most deserving.

Designates who received the DeMolay Legion were Bobby Joe Kitchen of Jacksonville, Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter York Rite Masons of North Carolina, John (Jones Masonic Campus) Jones, and the Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, M.:W.:Brother Leonard Safrit.

DeMolay is for the boys, without them we have no Order! They are the future leaders of our society and our Fraternity! Please come and support the North Carolina DeMolay for Boys when and wherever possible.

Left to Right

"Dad" Chuck Rouse, Executive Officer,
NC DeMolay, Grand Master Safrit,
John Jones, Bobby Kitchen

