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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

July was a busy month. We celebrated our nation's birthday by watching a spectacular fireworks display as a family; then we were off to Maggie Valley for the best Great Smokies Summer Assembly ever. This is also a family affair as both our Sons always go with us.

I want to thank everyone who made this Assembly a great success.

We actually had a miracle on Sunday. The electricity went out all over Maggie Valley, and we were told it would be out until 4:00 P.M. It came back on about five minutes before the Reverend Dean Coffey, my Grand Prelate, delivered a wonderful message.

The Hargetts, Galard Moore, and their faithful army of workers served a delicious meal to an estimated 500 picnickers!

Douglas S. Moore, M.I.P.G.M., had to deliver the Marker Address inside, and he did an outstanding job.

The banquet at The Carolina Nights Theater was a great success. The meal was delicious, and the show was fantastic!

The speakers at the grand session gave excellent and inspiring speeches. They were: Graham W. Pervier, M.W. Grand Master of North Carolina; Reverend Robert J. Cave, Past Grand Commander of New York; Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.; and Paul Lincoln Phillips, M.W. Grand Master of Tennessee.

On behalf of Ron Sandritter, M.E. Grand High Priest; Dan Critcher, M.I. Grand Master; and myself, "THANK YOU, SIR KNIGHTS!!!" Our thanks, also, to Bob Schafer, who works to keep everything running smoothly. He is the one responsible for writing and printing the program, arranging the banquet, and registering everyone who attends the session. Bob is A GREAT SECRETARY, and your grand officers would be lost without his direction! My Chief Instructor-Inspector, Kirby Matthews, R.E.P.G.C., has arranged a School of Instruction in Raleigh on September 17. I would appreciate it if any of you who are able to attend would plan to be there to help with the work. I am especially looking forward to having my grand officers and any Past Grand Commanders there. We all need to work to perfect our craft. Remember that "Unity Through Continuity Is The Keystone," and performing the degrees as nearly perfectly as we can is one way that we achieve continuity.

Just a reminder that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of North Carolina will hold its Annual Communication on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, 2005, at the Imperial Convention Center, Research Triangle Park. Please attend this Communication and show your support.

As you all know, the first Monday in September is Labor Day. Most of us look forward to a day of relaxing with friends and family or having a cookout or maybe even taking a last summer vacation.

The weather is usually a little cooler, and we can enjoy spending the day outside. This day is a tribute to all who work to make life in these United States the best possible life in the world.

There is no better place to live than America, the land of the free, and we should remember to honor those men and women who have left their families to fight for freedom in foreign lands and those who serve to protect us here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

We also need to pray that the men and women in our government make the best choices for this nation. GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Dennis K. Mikeal
Grand Commander

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHIEF INSTRUCTOR-INSPECTOR Sir Knights:

I have scheduled a School of Instruction to be held at the Raleigh Thmple on September 17 at 10:00 A.M. I am planning another School somewhere in the western part of the state (possibly Winston Salem) later in the year. I am asking all Commandery district officers to plan to attend one of these schools. All other Sir Knights are also cordially invited to attend.

Please mark your calendar accordingly.

Fraternally,
Kirby Matthews, P.G.C.
Chief Instructor-Inspector