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Happy New Year Sir Knights:

I hope that the Christmas season brought you much happiness and joy. The New Year has arrived and most of us will once again make resolutions and promises to ourselves and others. Resolutions are a wonderful outlet and reflect the hope that abounds in all of us. What generally happens, intentions take over and we never reach the goal of our aspirations. I would like to ask each of you to examine your Masonic resolutions and set yourself some that you can attain. My brother, the craft not only needs your time, but your talent as well. We all have the same goals in mind; we just need to get up off that soft spot we are sitting on and do something about it. The longest journey begins with the first step.

Congratulations to Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles A. Lewis Jr., our 150th Grand Master, duly installed on December 7 2002 in Wilmington, N. C. Charles issued a challenge to the approximately 300 masons and guests present at the installation, which was for all 53,000 of us to go out and replace ourselves with one person each. This would be great and could happen if (WE) make it happen.

Behold how swiftly the time flies. Do you realize that as you read this article, the officers elected in 2002 are in their last quarter of their year? Time waits for no one and we're running out of it.

A school of instruction has been scheduled for February 1st at the Greensboro Scottish Rite Annex. It will run from 9:30 A.M. to approximately 12:00 noon. This will be for Districts 4, 5, and 6. Districts 1, 2, 3 if you missed the one on January 4th in New Bern, you are welcome to come to this one. Anyone else interested can also attend. The Western Districts 7, 8, 9, and 10 will have one, hopefully, on March 1st. The time and place are being worked out as you read.

Upcoming Events For your Consideration

Feb. 13 th , 14 th , & 15 th	National AMD, Washington DC
Feb. 23 rd , 24 th , & 25 th	Alabama Grand York Rite, Mobile
March 16 th , 17 th , & 18 th	SC Grand York Rite, Columbia
March 23 rd , 24 th , & 25 th	NC Grand York Rite, Raleigh
April 18 th , 19 th , & 20 th	Easter Sunrise Service, Washington DC

I need to hear from you as soon as possible if you are planning to go to the Easter Sunrise service in Washington DC so that proper accommodations can be made. My phone numbers and e-mail address are listed in the directory.

Hopefully, by now, by God's grace and an abundance of traveling mercies, I have accomplished one of my biggest goals. That goal was to visit all 31 York Rite bodies in the state. If I haven't, I still have time, I hope. Thank you ALL for the hospitality each has shown me. I will compile and print out the final tally on the POWER POT next month. Your gracious giving has surpassed our expectations! So far, only two bodies have met or exceeded the \$3.00 per person challenge. Maybe next month, there will be more.

Faith and Work

It's not what you learn, it's not what you teach,
Nor things you remember, nor things that you preach,
It's actions that count, not what's in your head,
For Faith without work, is Faith that is dead.

Fraternally Yours, *Pete Cook* REGC

TO THE POINT #4 By David H. Minshall (Chairman of St. John's Day Parade)

Officer Commands and Saluting.

Officers should never rush their commands, and should follow several rules to make their work look better. We all make errors in the following procedures:

1. An Officer Does Not Execute His Own Commands. (T13/21):

He executes movements either before or after he commands the other Knights. Examples; **Sir Knights, Draw, SWORDS:** He draws his sword BEFORE giving the command. For **Sir Knights, Return, SWORDS:** He returns his sword AFTER the Knights. return swords. For **Un-COVER:** He uncovers AFTER the Kts. have uncovered.

But for **RECOVER:** He recovers BEFORE he gives the command.

NOTE: For **Draw, & Return SWORDS:** Do not rush the command, at **SWORDS,** Knights need time to come to the 1st. Part of the movement, (sword part to and from scabbard).

2. Saluting Other Officers (T11/4): The Junior Officer salutes FIRST, looking towards the Knight being saluted. The salute, in all cases, should be promptly acknowledged, then both Officers drop hand to side simultaneously. A Grand Officer or Past Commander filling a Commandery station is rendered salutes due only to that specific station. **NOTE:** Hold salute until recognized, &

released. Officers saluted must learn to promptly return salute and release the saluting Knight.

Supplement Editors Note

Sir Knights one and all, this is your supplement to let other commanderies know what you are doing. I need your input, don't wait for some one else to do it. Please keep in mind that the Knight Templar magazine editor needs your article or news item a full month before it is published.

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