



Georgia Supplement

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EDITOR'S NOTES

May is always a special month for Georgia Templary. With the convening of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia in Macon, we are able to gather as Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, and Knights Templar to receive the reports of our past year's work and to elect our leadership for the 2009-2010 year. The Dais Officers and Past Commanders of each Commandery are all members and should make every effort to attend. If you are unable to attend, make certain that your Commandery is represented by Proxy. Our Grand Commandery is only as good as its membership makes it. We are those members who will decide the future of our beloved Fraternity.

One of the major opportunities that every Commandery has is that of seeing to it that the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Mollie Moseley Eye Fund are both funded. That means that each Commandery has the opportunity to hold events that raise funds for our charities. In addition, the Holy Land Pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity for each Commandery to partner with the Grand Commandery and send a pastor in your community to the Holy Land. What a blessing that trip is for those who make it. Pastors return and are able to preach from firsthand knowledge of having walked in our Master's footsteps. Sir Knight and brother pastor Terry Hensley, of our own Grand Commandery Line, made the Holy Land Pilgrimage and will be glad to share what it has meant to his ministry.

Several Festivals are on tap for the coming year and now is the time to begin searching for and inviting Brother Christian Masons to seek the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite. We are the keepers of a precious treasure and we sometimes seem to "hide our light under a bushel" when we are dealing with Commandery business. Many of our Commanderies struggle to get enough Sir Knights present to open on the monthly meeting night. Think of what we could accomplish with enough Sir Knights to open, to practice the Degrees and Orders, and to conduct all the work of the Order of Knights Templar in our local communities!

One of the privileges afforded Sitting and Past Commanders is that of being knighted as a Knight Crusader of the Cross. The ceremony is one of beauty and deeply spiritual meaning and should be the aspiration of every Eminent Commander. The Conferral Team is superb and your experience will be memorable.

The Grand York Rite Schedule is on the next page. Make certain your Commandery is represented at Grand Commandery. See you there!

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES ANNUAL MEETING

Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery will hold their annual meeting at the Grand Chapter Building in Macon beginning on Sunday, 3 May and continuing through Wednesday, 6 May. The meeting begins with the Annual Memorial Service at 4:30 PM. Registration begins at 2:00 PM. The Annual Banquet will convene at 7:00 PM.

Grand Chapter convenes on Monday morning and Grand Council on Monday afternoon. At the conclusion of the business sessions on Monday, the Order of the High Priesthood and the Order of the Silver Trowel will be conferred upon High Priests and Illustrious Masters, Past and Sitting. The petitions were included in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council mailings.

Grand Commandery opens on Tuesday morning with the Service of Divine Worship at First Presbyterian Church. This will occur after the conclusion of the Grand Chapter Session. Following the Worship Service, lunch will be held at First Presbyterian. Following lunch, the business session of Grand Commandery will convene at the Grand Chapter Building. Following the Tuesday session, the Order of Knight Crusader of the Cross will be conferred. Wednesday morning will witness the election of our new Grand Line and the open installation.

The Grand York Rite website www.yorkriteofga.org has the detailed schedule for the entire series of meetings. Companions and Sir Knights, this is YOUR Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery and the Grand Sessions will only be as successful as you make them. Even if you are not a Dais Officer or a Past Commander, come to Grand Commandery and meet some of the finest Christian Masons on the planet. You will also learn more about whom we are and what we are about. The more we know, the more we can do effectively.

FESTIVALS

Saturday, 25 July 2009

One Day Festival in Albany

Contact Sammy Lee at 229-759-2853

Or 229-349-1656

Saturday, 16 January 2010

Athens at Mt. Vernon Lodge #22

365 Research Drive

Registration at 8:00 AM

Work begins at 8:30 AM

Registration Fee is \$7.00 for all attendees

Contact Rodney Couch 706-540-4353

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Candidates' names must be sent so that certificates can be prepared.