

Companions and Sir Knights:

The meetings of the Thomas Chapter and Harris Council *only* Bodies will take place on **Thursday, May 6, at 7:00 P.M.**

Work of the Evening:

Conferral of the Mark Master Mason Degree on:

Bro. Stephen David Fiola, Aurora Lodge and any others present and qualified.

Chapter officers' dress: Tuxedo

Jerusalem Commandery #19 will meet on Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 P.M., by vote of the Commandery.

From the Clerk:

Spring is bustin' out all over! Okay, well, after the last week of cool weather, maybe not as much, but our schedule most certainly is. Following, please find an outlined calendar. We will be having *three meetings this month*. Did I mention we were going to be busy!?

As of publication, this is the calendar for May and part of June. Please take notice and plan as best as you can. Please also note that several Grand Body events are included in this.

May 6: Council business meeting, Chapter business meeting and Mark Master Mason Degree

May 12 (Wednesday): Harris Council will confer the Royal Master Degree on:

Comp. Mark Clayton Lucia, member of Trinity Lodge, Clinton, and Leominster Chapter. and any others present and qualified. Council will open at 7:00 P.M.

May 13: Chapter of Instruction, Miford. See the High Priest's message for more information.

May 21: Grand Chapter charity event. See the High Priest's message for information.

May 22: Grand Commandery will confer the orders in Worcester, starting at 9:00 A.M. If you'd like to go, please call Charlie Larkin by May 15 so I can get your lunch reservation in.

May 27: Jerusalem Commandery will meet at 7:00 P.M. for a business meeting and possibly some tactics practice. *As of now, we will also be meeting in June on the Fourth Thursday, which will be June 24. If there are any changes, notice will come in the Communcation.*

June 11: Grand Commandery Ball. Reservations are **due June 4. Tickets are \$40 each.** The event will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, located at 11 Beaver St., Miford. (495-> Rt. 109, visible from the highway.) The evening starts at 6:00 P.M.

Rooms are available for \$69 by contacting the hotel directly at (508) 478-7010 and mention code BALL. Send remittances, made payable to "Presiding Councils Club" to:

Mr. Leland F. Ross, Jr.
18 Elizabeth St.
Plainville, Ma. 02762
(508) 699-4554

From the High Priest:

Brethren:

This is going to be a busy month for York Rite bodies. On May, 6th, we will be confirming the Mark Master Degree on one candidate.

As you may know by reading this notice, Harris Council is also confirming a degree on May 12th. Commandery will be on a separate night on May 27th. This will give Thomas Chapter and Harris Council more time to open and do their work. On May 13th, at Mt. Lebanon Lodge in Milford, will be the Lodge of Instruction. All officers are required to come. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. The Mark Degree will begin at 7:00 P.M.

On Friday, May 21st, the charity event for Grand Chapter will be held at Chocksett Inn in Sterling. This event will be a Mystery Dinner Theater and the price will be \$35.00 per person. Reservations are required and must be in by May 14th with the choice of pot roast or fish. Please contact Rt. Ex. Deputy Grand High Priest Bob Peete at (978) 368-7158 for reservations. This should be a fun event. On April 13th Ronald Wilkins and I attended Doric Chapter. for Rt Ex. William Eltzroth's official visit. It was well attended and we had a good time. Hope to see more brethren at our next Chapter meeting.

Fraternaly yours,
Ex. John A. Fritscher

In Memoriam:

Comp. Bethel G. Anderson
Thomas Chapter, Harris Council, and Jerusalem Commandery
Dec. 3, 2007

Comp. Emerson C. Van Cott, Jr.,
(Gardner) Leominster Chapter and Harris Council
September, 2009 (exact date has not been turned over to me and will be published once known.)

III. Comp. Daniel E. Shepardson,
Thomas Chapter, Harris Council and Jerusalem Commandery.
Past High Priest of Union Chapter, Past III.
Master of Harris Council, Past Commander of Athol-Orange Commandery #37.
Feb. 16, 2010

Rt Ex. John E. Stacey,
Past High Priest of Thomas Chapter, past District Deputy Grand High Priest, member of Jerusalem Commandery #19.
April 20, 2010.

As you may have noticed, it took over two years to be informed of the death of one Companion, and that

was from the City Clerk in Fitchburg once I was alerted of Comp. Anderson's passing.

That is very embarrassing. As a gentle reminder, if you know of any illness or distress among the Companions, please notify me at once! Thanks.

On a related matter, if you move, please send me a short note so I can update the mailing addresses. Thanks.

Unpleasant business:

Many companions are behind two or three years on their dues. As a reminder, if you are behind three years, you are eligible for suspension. Registered letters will be sent beginning in June.

I'm well aware that many of us are having financial problems, and I'm among them as well. If that is the case, or if you have been ill or some other major problem has caused you to be unable to fulfill your financial obligation, please contact me. *You have no reason to be embarrassed, and all your information will be treated with respect and confidentiality.* We are brothers, after all, and as such, we will treat you with the respect you should be treated with.

Final note:

I have recently been informed that Grand Commandery's dues will go up on June 1. This will occur in June because Grand Commandery is on a different accounting cycle than the rest of the bodies. **Therefore, if you wish to purchase a life membership in Grand Commandery, it is imperative that you contact me immediately!**

We look forward to seeing you this month!

Fraternaly,

Charlie