

# VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT

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## FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

### Sir Knights and Ladies:

Let me say how proud I am of the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fredericksburg Beauceant who attended the Annual Grand Conclave this year. We truly had a great time and I thank each person for their unending assistance to ensure that all attending wanted for nothing.

I cannot thank the assembled Sir Knights enough for electing me to be their Grand Commander for this Chivalric year. I am humbled by your love and support. The Grand Line, Lady Susan and I will all need your love, prayers and support as we travel the Commonwealth and to other Grand jurisdictions this year spreading Christian Masonry.

### Goals:

I am continuing Goals established by our Past Grand Commanders, only fine tuning where necessary. Those areas are:

1. **Leadership** - We need to focus on Leadership of our elected line officers in our Constituent Commanderies

2. **Communications** - We need to develop a Phone Tree Committee in each Commandery and utilize it as do the Nat'l Sojourners and various Shrine Clubs do. I have heard all too often that Phone Committees do not work. They surely do not work if you do not have one in place. I am challenging each new Commander to develop one and appoint a Committee Chairman.

3. **York Rite Unity** - "Strength Thru Unity." I have been in contact with the Grand Master and Grand High Priest to schedule one York Rite Banquet this year. It will be held in Norfolk in October. This is to be strictly a social event for our Ladies. It should be fun and at the same time strengthen our York Rite of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. **Ritualistic Work** - I am establishing the "Jon Wayne Mayberry" District Ritualistic Award" to honor the District which performs the best at the Official Visit of the Grand Commander. The award will be presented at the 2011 Grand Annual Conclave. Good luck to all Districts.

### Official Visits:

Of course I would like to see all Sir Knights and their Ladies at the Official Visits. However, I do not expect anyone to travel further than three hours away from their homes. If the visit is in your geographical location then for certain I would be very pleased to see you and visit with you.

Having said that let me say this.

May is going to be very busy as we kick off the 2010 Chivalric year. I will be visiting the three Commanderies in the Grand Annual Conclaves in West "BY God" Virginia and Maryland and finishing up with a visit to our sister organization the Order of the Eastern Star in Hampton during their Annual Session.

Let us not forget Memorial Day or the many Veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of not only our beloved Country, but the freedoms and the way of life we enjoy as a Free Peoples.

As we just celebrated the Easter Season with the Easter Sunrise Service held in Alexandria let us not forget to go and worship on Ascension Day. This year it will be on 2 June. The wearing of your Uniform minus Sword and Chapeaux is highly encouraged. Let's get out there and show off Christian Masonry.

As we look ahead to July I want to encourage all Commanderies to sponsor some sort of a Patriotic Program whereby the Flag is

presented or conduct the "13 Fold" Flag Ceremony. Grice Commandery will conduct again this year for the 8<sup>th</sup> year at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. The church has built a whole Patriotic Service around the Flag Ceremony with breakfast, a worship service and special Patriotic music. Full Commandery Uniforms are authorized for these ceremonies. Additionally, we have found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District that if we are presenting in a Lodge or Chapter, that first consulting with the Worshipful Master or High Priest on what will be taking place tends to smooth the waters of the members present.

On July 9 -13 Lady Susan and I along with other Masons from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chivalric District will be traveling to Maggie Valley, NC for the 188<sup>th</sup> Annual York Rite Assembly. This proves to be a great family affair and all York Rite Masons are encouraged to Seek Further Light In Masonry by attending. An Ice Cream Social and Cookout kick of the event.

Finally Sir Knights and Ladies, as we go forth this year let us not hide our light under the bush but place it on a hill for all to see, so they may see our good works and know that we worship The King of Kings.

Fraternally and In His Name,

**Phillip E. Maybery, KCT  
Grand Commander**