



Georgia Supplement

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Grand Commandery has come and gone and a report will be included in the July Supplement. The June deadline for the printer was the Friday before Grand Commandery opened. It is my intention that the report will be comprehensive that we may all know what we are about as Knights Templar in Georgia.

Summer is upon us and the great opportunity for our Order to be openly busy and visible in our communities. Many communities hold an Independence Day observance of some kind. What a great opportunity to help put the observance on and participate within it. Whether it is a parade or a picnic or some community outing, Sir Knights can be highly visible and effective in making each event a community success.

Summer is also a grand time for projects and fund-raisers. Check with your local government and see if there is something that needs to be done in your community that the Commandery can take the lead in accomplishing. The visibility and public good will generated is priceless.

Arrange to provide programs in your local Blue Lodges. The Masters of the various lodges will be thrilled to have an educational program that will promote the good of Freemasonry. Present the program in your uniform. Our uniform speaks eloquently of whom we are and what we are about.

Begin your plans for your annual inspection and make it a time of celebration rather than a time of dreary foreboding. We are Brothers and Companions and the

time that we share together is eminently precious.

It is not too early to begin planning your Christmas Observance. In the northwest area of the state, three Commanderies join together for a meal and a combined Christmas Observance. It is a beautiful time together and now is the time to begin planning it.

Summer is a great recruiting time. Have a family picnic and invite prospective Sir Knights to come with their families. Georgia is blessed with many state parks that are perfect places to hold such an event.

For too many organizations, summer is a time to let slide all of the opportunities that are there. Enjoy the summer by using it rather than losing it. Our individual Commanderies and the Grand Commandery will be the better for it.

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

Or at P O Box 1403

Athens, GA 30603

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

The privilege afforded us of being Sir Knights in the Order of Knights Templar is one of life's greatest honors and we should treat the Order with the respect that it is due from us as faithful members.