

ARKANSAS SUPPLEMENT



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York Rite Festivals of 2010

Sir Knights, this year our three presiding Grand Officers are working together to create a unique opportunity for us to share the beautiful Degrees and Orders of the York Rite, and increase the number of York Rite Masons in the state. Festival style conferrals of the three bodies are scheduled across the state, as follows:

Royal Arch Chapter:

Van Buren May 22
Batesville June 5
Little Rock June 12
Pine Bluff June 19

Council:

Batesville June 26
Pine Bluff July 10
Van Buren July 17
Little Rock July 31 (Includes full-form conferral of the Super-Excellent Master)

Commandery:

Batesville August 14
Pine Bluff August 21
Van Buren September, date TBA
Little Rock September or October, date TBA

The Commandery Festival dates in September, are not available at the time of this publication. Look for those dates in the next issue.

Sir Knights, special fees have been established for each of these conferrals. If you know a mason who has not experienced the York Rite, now is a great time to discuss it with him. See your Secretary/Recorder for a special petition.

**R.: E.: Grand Commander
Robert L. Jackson**



Greetings, Sir Knights:

There have been many wonderful things that have happened to my wife Peggy and I since I have been serving the Grand Commandery of Arkansas. We had the opportunity to attend the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Services at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria VA. It was an honor to represent Arkansas. This is an event that is held every year at Easter. If you get the opportunity to attend, do so. There are plans next year to have two (2) services; one in Alexandria VA and one on the deck of the USS Midway in San Diego CA. We also attended the Grand Commandery of Louisiana and enjoyed the fellowship.

Grand Encampment has advised all the states that the YRIS, York Rite Information System, is complete. Every recorder of each Commandery in Arkansas will be required to utilize the system. The days of "paper" monthly reports are gone. Please contact Sir Knight Royce Taylor, our Grand Recorder about your access to the new system for your Commandery. I know there are those who do not have access to the internet at home; however your local library or a Sir Knight within your Commandery can assist you.

Please don't forget the festival scheduled for the Commandery

Orders. The two dates in September will be changed. That information was not available at the time of writing of this article however should be in the hands of your recorder by the time you receive the magazine. Ask a Master Mason to become a part of York Rite Masonry, today.

The South Central Department Conference is set for September 17th and 18th, 2010 in Shreveport LA. The Grand Line Officers, Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals are all encouraged to attend. Information will be sent to each Commandery, so contact your Recorder for the material about the conference.

Sir Knights, as Masons, we are given the opportunity to be of services to our fellowmen by contributing to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This is a worthy cause and I encourage each Sir Knight and Commandery to participate and make their contributions. We do make a difference in someone's life.

Until next time, I urge you to be a Strong Sir Knight for Knights Templar and make a difference. Together we can! God Bless!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.E. Robert L. Jackson
Grand Commander - 2010