

## MARYLAND SUPPLEMENT



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Sir Knights,

Here are the highlights from the Semi Annual meeting in June. There isn't space for the details, but you may call me with any questions you may have.

All of the elected officers with the exception of the Grand Recorder were re-elected to a second term. PGC Bill Colburn, for personal reasons, asked to be relieved of the Recorder's duties. SK Eugene Racz, a Past Grand Recorder, stood for and was elected Grand Recorder for 2009-2010. This election was held in accordance with the constitutional revision requiring Semi Annual and Annual Meetings of The Grand Commandery and brings us into closer alignment with the Grand Lodge elections. You will be hearing more about the elections coming next May in future editions of this supplement.

The proposed revisions to the Constitution turned out to be more than we could handle during the meeting. We started to go through the revisions one at a time and adopted a number of clarifications to bring some of the provisions into agreement. This was achieved only after extensive discussion. After over an hour and a half we decided to call a special meeting later this summer to discuss the remaining revisions. The results of that meeting will be presented in October for a full vote on adoption or rejection of the revisions.

Before leaving the Semi Annual I want to thank Palestine Commandery for taking me up on my offer to install their Diaz Officers at the meeting. It was a pleasure and I look forward to working with their new officers over the next year.

Recently it was pointed out to me how much energy a hamster spends in keeping his wheel spinning while going nowhere. The analogy was then made about how much we are like that hamster, running in our wheels just to keep an organization in the same place. Wouldn't it be wonderful to expend that energy on achieving something besides the status quo? It appears that in some places that hamster's wheel has broken loose and good things are happening. If you remove the losses from one Commandery which has been clearing its rolls, it appears that overall we knighted more than we lost. We are on the crest of making a leap into the future. In May alone I attended the Knighting of 20 new Templars. It is up to you to keep

this momentum going. Recruiting isn't just a Committee activity. It is done one on one by Sir Knights like you. Do you know a Christian Mason who is not a Templar? Perhaps it is time you explain to him why he should our ranks.

Here are some other dates you may wish to mark on your calendars.

- **July 1** **Most Excellent Master Degree Hagerstown**
- **July 15** **Royal Arch Degree Hagerstown**
- **July 20** **Hershey Youth Trip**
- **August, 4** **Royal & Select Master Degrees Cumberland**
- **August 16-19** **Tri Annual in Roanoke Virginia**
- **August 29** **Tri State Orders @ Valley Forge, PA**
- **September 11-13** **Northeast / Mid-Atlantic Conference -Linthicum**
- **September 26** **Super Excellent Master Degree @ Scottish Rite**
- **October 23-25** **Maryland Grand Sessions in Aberdeen**

I am sorry to report the Bull and Oyster Roast scheduled for October is cancelled.

You may also check the most up to date schedule by going to the Maryland York Rite webpage <http://www.yorkrite.com/md/> and click on the calendar. Scroll through the page to find the month you want.

Richard Naegele needs your help with the Super Excellent Master Degree on Saturday September 26. It requires a very large cast and is something special to be part of or just witness. Let S.K. Naegele know if you are willing to take a small or non-speaking part. 410-665-5947

The Tri-State Orders at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania will be August 28-29. Details will be in the August Supplement and will be sent to each Commandery. The Orders will be conferred on Saturday with Maryland starting the day off with the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

Please remember all those who serve in our Armed Forces around the world. They have sacrificed so much for our safety. I encourage you to say an extra prayer for them and their families wherever they are.

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
*Thomas G. Heimiller, REGC*



This photo of the Last Supper Cast was sent to me too late for last month's supplement.