

VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT

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FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights and Ladies:

First, I need to correct the June Supplement. The Tennessee Fraters supposed to participate in the Installation of Grand Officers were unavoidably unable to attend. They were truly missed. However, the Grand Commander and Junior Past Grand Commander, Sir Knights David A. White, Sr. and Herbert Glen Beck, Jr., were in attendance. Also there were SK Roy Etherton, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, F&AM of Tennessee and SK Terry L. Plemons, REDC of the Southeast Department; both are also Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee. Many thanks go out to my Tennessee Brethren and Fraters as they are all valued friends and brethren of the Maybery family.

During May Lady Susan and I enjoyed our time at the Grand Session of the Order of the Eastern Star "Infinite Flight of Our Star." Worthy Grand Matron Sister Georgia L. "Jo" Jett had a great meeting. We then journeyed to Wheeling West "By God" Virginia for their Grand Annual Conclave.

R.E. Gene R. Baker, Right Eminent Grand Commander is to be congratulated for the manner in which he presided over his Conclave. Our best wishes also go out to

SK L. Stephen Wilson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of West Virginia 2010 – 2011 and his corps of Officers for safe travels. Lady Susan and I thank all Officers for all courtesies extended to Lady Susan and me during our stay.

SK J. Wesley Jeffries, DDGC and Lady Peggy should be congratulated for the beautiful visit to Chincoteague during my Official Visit to District No. 9. As usual the food, friendship and fellowship were as in the past, "Outstanding." I hope the Ladies enjoyed the opportunity to stay over and shop after the visit.

On the 15th of May the members of Hampton Roads York Rite College No. 95 were privileged to receive the Grand Governor for Virginia York Rite Sovereign College of North America, RED Jeffrey Glen Burcham. Also present were RED Brother Baldwin Gerard Locher, Jr., Deputy Grand Governor for Virginia York Rite Sovereign College of North America and HRYRC's very own RED Brother Jackie Lee Harrison, Past Grand Governor. P.E. Governor Bruce Landen Van Buren and his corps of officers are to be commended on their degree work. Exemplary degree cast members were Sir Knight Burcham and Sir Knight F. Michael McGrath.

I was pleased along with the other members of Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2 Knights York Cross of Honor to participate in the conferral of the **KYCH**

on Sir Knight Lawrence T. Ward as he was unable to attend Grand Commandery this year due to health concerns. Congrats! L.T.

Ladies, I need your help. If you find that your husband is sitting around and not attending his Commandery Conclaves, please put your foot down and usher him off to the meeting. Make it uncomfortable for him to sit and watch TV.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8 -13 Lady Susan and I along with other Fraters will be traveling to Maggie Valley, NC for the 188th Annual York Rite Assembly. This is 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 off the event.

4 – Independence Day
16 – OVGC Marion
24 – OVGC Petersburg

Fraternally and In His Name,

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

FROM LADY SUSAN

As many of you know, each year the Grand Commander's wife accepts the responsibility for selling tickets throughout the Chivalric year for items to be raffled off. Drawings and presentations will be made at Grand Commandery in Charlottesville next May.

First, we have two beautiful His and Her Afghans handmade by our dear Florence Foster, wife of SK John Foster, Grand Recorder Emeritus and Past VE Deputy Grand Commander of CT. It is important to note that this set of Afghans makes Florence's 27th afghan made for the Grand Commandery (that's at least 14 years).

All donations will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Not only has Florence lovingly made and donated these Afghans each year, she has donated 3 Swarovski crystal pieces over the years, and I am proud to say, her 4th donation of gorgeous Swarovski crystal candlesticks will be raffled as a pair this year. We are honored to have these pieces donated, and we thank Florence for her generosity. These will benefit the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Additionally, we have an acrylic collectors' piece by the artist Wyland, who you may know as being famous for his whales and dolphin paintings on walls and buildings in different cities. This piece has a Certificate of Authenticity and is valued at over \$1,100. Its value will only increase. It is signed and number 781 of 1800; for those of you who may not know, the lower the numbered piece, the more valuable. Proceeds from this piece, I am proud to say, will benefit the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Our last item is an original oil painting by Dorothy Hudgins, known as the "Grandma Moses of Tidewater." Ms. Hudgins is approximately 86 years old. It is a picture of a Chesapeake Bay Crab and is just lovely. I wanted something representative of the Virginia Tidewater area, where we have lived for many years, and this piece has been donated to us by Ray Skinner Frames of Virginia Beach. Anyone should be pleased to own this original piece of art. Proceeds from this piece will also benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00. Please give as your budget will allow.

Thank you and In His Name,

Lady Susan