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A Message from the Right Eminent Grand Commander

Everyone talks about our declining membership, not only in the Commandry, but in the whole Masonic Fraternity. So, what is the solution? As Knights of the Commandry, we can only recruit Master Masons from the Blue Lodges, but their membership has also been declining.

One thing we can do, is create a desire to become a Mason. How can we do this, we are not allowed to ask them to join? The answer is by showing them, who we are, by wearing our uniforms in public. We as Commandries can participate in Patriotic Parades (your Commandry must ask for a disposition from Grand Commandry) Memorial Services (Veterans Day, Fourth of July or Memorial Day). Memorial Services are usually attended by Veterans. They are men and are joiners and like uniforms. You could go to local Church Services as a Commandry, host a Christmas Observerance open to the public. Make sure that local newspapers have articles on the pastors, you send on the Holy Land Pilgramage, with pictures of the Commander in uniform with the Pastor leaving and/or returning from his trip.

Remember, when we are in publc in uniform, it must be the complete uniform, not a summer uniform.

When we are in uniform, people will ask us who we are. Tell them that you are a Christian Knight, a Knight Templar, tell them about our charities, the Templar Eye Foundation and the Holyland Pilgramages for Christian Pastors so that they may be better enabled to preach the Gospel. If they then ask how to join, tell them that first they must be a Mason. If they then ask how to become a Mason, have a local lodge member give them a petition or direct them to a local member in their area..

Also local Masons, who are not York Rite Masons, will see you and become interested in joining and becoming a Knight. Only ten percent of Masons are York Rite and there are twice as members of the Chapter as are in the Commandry, we need them to Join us.

Yours in all Knightly Courtesy,
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2021 Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival

When: **Sept 18th and Oct 9th, 2021**. Reg @ 8:00am, degrees @ 9:00am
Where: Sept 18th, Kennesaw Lodge #33, 547 Roswell St, Marietta
October 9th, AMC, 1690 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta
Cost: Cost for each day is $15.00 includes meal. Pay that day.

- The Chapter and Council degrees will be on **Saturday, Sept 18, 2021** @ Kennesaw Lodge #33 in Marietta.
- The Orders of the Commandery will be on **Saturday, Oct 9, 2021** @ Atlanta Masonic Center in Atlanta.
- Come early each Saturday for fellowship, coffee and refreshements.
- Run all petitions through your local York Rite body prior to the festival.
- **NO VOTING WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE FESTIVAL.**

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Upcoming Commandery Inspection Schedule

Commandery	Location	Date	Day	Time	Inspecting Officer
Amicalola#41	Jasper	9/11/2021	Sat	11:00	Michael Sampsell
Blue Ridge Mtn #37	McCaysville	9/11/2021	Sat	17:00	Raymond Laird
Malta #16	Valdosta	9/25/2021	Sat	14:30	John Johnson
Coastal Plain #42	Tifton	9/25/2021	Sat	17:30	William Shepard
Charles Martel #29	Chickamauga	10/2/2021	Sat	10:00	Raymond Laird
St. John's #19	Dalton	10/2/2021	Sat	14:00	Raymond Laird
Rome #8	Rome	10/2/2021	Sat	18:00	Mark Johnson
Arnold de Troye #31	Buford	10/30/2021	Sat	17:30	Raymond Laird
Waycross #36	Waycross	10/23/2021	Sat	11:00	Carl Gamel
St. Elmo #21	Brunswick	10/23/2021	Sat	15:00	James Bard
Palestine #7	Savannah	10/23/2021	Sat	18:30	Ryan Nealey
Philemon #33	Toccoa	10/30/2021	Sat	11:00	Tyler Pledger
Pilgrim #15	Gainesville	10/30/2021	Sat	14:30	James Tate