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NORTH CAROLINA

Salutations, Sir Knights!

I would first like to express my thanks to all of the York Rite Bodies that have hosted the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and me during our visits throughout the spring and early summer. We have visited High Point, Greensboro, Fayetteville, Lenoir, Asheville, Waynesville and Wilmington collectively thus far. Other official visits have included the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Summer Assembly, Southeastern Conference, York Rite honors day, and many out-of-state grand sessions. In addition I thank the many Grand Commandery Representatives who made the time to visit their respective grand conclaves. As you can see, the York Rite has been very busy and we are not even halfway through the year.

Speaking of Grand Commandery Representatives, if you are willing to perform the duties of the job (which included making the visits and submitting the report), please let me know. Chairman, Sir Knight Don Wooster and I need about 12 more Sir Knights to answer the call for the remaining unassigned states. If you have an interest in serving, please contact me or the committee Chairman to review the duties and available states.

The majority of North Carolina Commanderies open their respective York Rite bodies in the final four months of the calendar year. This being the case, I ask individual Commanderies or districts to plan a school of instruction before your Commandery year and festivals open. This training is good for everyone. If you need help with organizing a school of instruction, contact your District Officers, the Chief Inspector/Instructor Jay Callaham, or me directly. As you meet in early fall, also consider your Christmas Observance. Begin planning now; it's never too early. If your Commandery's active membership is not sufficiently numerous, consider working with other nearby Commanderies to hold a joint Christmas Observance. Again—be creative, ask for help, and make it special.

As you many of you know, many efforts have be started to raise funds for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The due date to submit funds for his year is just about 2 months away. I have asked all Commanderies for a minimum \$150 donation.

We are also raffling a Henry Rifle. In addition to this, we now have a fun approach to meeting this year's fundraising goal. . Through the hard work of Aide de Camp James Vance and others in starting a tee shirt fundraising campaign, we now own "www. weareknightstemplar.com" website. Go to the website and if you donate \$50 or more to the Holy Land Pilgrimage you will receive a very cool tee shirt. You simply enter your shirt size, address, and donate via PayPal or mail a check to:

2860 Village Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28304
Attention: James Vance or Holy Land Pilgrimage.

We are also going to have some fun with a cold water and dunk challenge amongst some of our more spirited Sir Knights. After all, those Chapeaus are getting a little hot this time of year!

I ask that you continue to reach out to Master Masons in our blue lodges and encourage them to consider joining the York Rite this fall. The upcoming statewide conferral of the Order of the Temple at Castle McCulloch is going to be one for the books. You and your candidates are welcome to this great day of Templary on November 2 in Jamestown. I strongly urge you and your York Rite bodies to start promoting this to your blue lodges and planning your festival now in order register them to be knighted at the Castle in time. Keep connected on the Facebook page "Templars at the Castle, 2 November 2017" and at "NC Grand Commandery."

I hope you continue your great work in the York Rite and Templary. Have a great summer and I hope me and my officers see you soon.

Courteously,
Stancil W. Wilson
Grand Commander

