



VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT
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**FROM THE APARTMENT OF THE GRAND
COMMANDER**

Sir Knights, Ladies and Guests,

On May 10, 2017, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia reconvened and I had the honor of Installing the Officers of Turner Ashby Commandery No. 35., thus Constituting the Commandery. I cannot say enough about the Sir Knights and the work that they are doing. They confer the Orders in a very impressive manner and hope that other Commanderies will follow their lead and confer the Orders in their area.

We have begun the Official Visits for this year.

The first was May 27 at District 8 at Lynn Commandery No. 9, Marion, VA.

The next Official Visit will be District 2 at Grice Commandery No. 16, Norfolk, VA on June 17, 2017. Prior to lunch on that day I will have the honor of laying a wreath on a great American Leader and Brother Mason, General Douglas MacArthur. The Wreath Ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the MacArthur Memorial. I hope to see each of you there.

On July 22, Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 will confer the Orders of Knighthood beginning at 8:00 a.m.

This will be an opportune time to bring your candidates to receive one of the most impressive Orders (Degree) in Masonry. We plan to have the Orders conferred in various locations throughout the State this year.

Our Goal this year will be to have all Commanderies in the state attain 100 % in Life Sponsorships in the Eye Foundation. As of April 2017, we have 21 of 28 Commanderies at 100%. So, let's get moving as the goal is in sight and very attainable.

I want to thank our state chairman Sir Knight Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr., PDC, for his dedication and work. With his efforts and your support. I know that The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Virginia will reach that 100% goal.

I would ask that all Commanderies look in their area for a deserving minister to nominate for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. This program gives us more local recognition and exposure than all our other efforts combined.

If you have any events in your area, please submit articles (and pictures) about them to our state editor so they can be included in the Virginia Supplement.

Remember *"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"*

In His Service,

RB

Roy B. Henderson, Jr.
Grand Commander 2017-2018