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Eminent Commander's Message

Sir Knights, for those of you who did not attend the October Conclave or the November Conclave, you missed some very excellent "free" meals. Remember, the funds for these meals are included in your annual dues! October's menu consisted of German sausage, sauerkraut, hot potato salad and tropical fruit with whipped cream provided by the Wimodausis Chapter #106, Order of the Eastern Star. November's menu consisted of ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup and chocolate cake provided by Destiny Court #14, Order of the Amaranth. Many, many thanks to the members of these organizations for providing the meal service!!

October's program was provided by Sir Knight Edwin

R. Carpenter, Jr., Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northeast Department of Knights Templar of the USA.

November's program was the Official Visit to Piedmont Commandery of the District Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Paul S. Newhall.

Both of these Sir Knights gave excellent presentations, however we did not have a great attendance at either conclave. Hopefully, some of you can rearrange your schedule in order to be present on December 22, 2005.

The attendance gift given by draw of the lucky number at the October Conclave went to SK Donald L.

McAndrews. The attendance gift at the November Conclave went to SK Robert B. Williams. Will you be the recipient on December 22??

Piedmont Commandery's Service for Christmas Observance will be the program for our Stated Conclave on December 22, 2005. All Sir Knights should remember their sacred vows and be present for this very special occasion. May God be with you and your families during the Holiday Season and always hold you safe in the palms of His hands!

In His Name,

Charles E. McNoldy
Eminent Commander

Royal Arch News

by SK Robert Mayer

On Saturday, November 5th, led by Rt. Excellents Chuck Soderburg and Linwood Holbrook, Manassas RAC #81 hosted a very-successful 20th annual Royal Arch ham & oyster dinner. The dinner was outstanding as usual and well-attended, and, thanks to an extremely generous contribu-

tion by a senior Chapter Companion, we were able to raise well over \$6,000 for the Chapter Scholarship Fund. A huge thanks to all the Companions who took part in all of the extensive preparation, serving, and cleanup making this such a successful and enjoyable event.





Commandery Officer Listing

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Senior Warden

William K. Edwards

Junior Warden

Chuck Covarrubias

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David C. Stanley

Standard Bearer

Jay Patterson

Warder

David T. Lang

Sentinel

C. J. Van Aalst, Jr.

Guard No. 1

Robert B. Williams

Guard No. 2

Frank Wyckoff

Guard No. 3

Vacant



District Deputy Grand Commander

SK Paul S. Newhall

Committee Listing

Membership & Attendance:	Jeffrey S. Holbrook
Audit:	Dallas W. Brumback, Jr.
Finance:	Robert A. Mayer
Ritual:	Donald L. McAndrews, EPC
KT Eye Foundation:	Jeffrey S. Holbrook
Holy Land Pilgrimage:	Rev. Edwin P. Elliott, Jr., EPC
Awards:	James B. Bartley, EPC

Upcoming Programs

Piedmont Commandery No. 26

December 22, 2005 — Christmas observance

January 26, 2006 — Past commander's & Officer advance night

Old Dominion Commandery No. 11

December 28, 2005 — Christmas observance

Arlington Commandery No. 29

December 2, 2005 — Stated conclave



Local KTEF Success

by SK Don McAndrews, EPC

Piedmont Commandery was fortunate to be selected to assist in processing a candidate for surgery through the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF). We have generously supported our charity for many years, but it has been to most members a detached and distant good deed for an organization far away from Virginia. Now it is up close and personal with a patient from Manassas, Mr. Alfredo Foz, Jr.

This unfortunate man was laid off from Micron and had not been able to secure a new job because of severe cataracts. In spite of the serious vision impairment, Medicaid would not pay for the surgery. Social Security would not give him assistance and told him to go get a job. He was caught in a catch 22. His case worker at the Independence Empowerment Center discovered the KTEF during an internet search. She had Mr. Foz submit a letter outlining his situation to the KTEF.

The process began when our recorder received a package



from the KTEF with all of the necessary paperwork to be completed and returned. Sir Knight Chuck McNoldy, our commander, assigned this task to Sir Knight Don McAndrews. Don met with Mr. Foz to be certain he qualified and collect the necessary supporting documents such as a Citizenship Naturalization Certificate and a letter of rejection from Medicaid. Next, the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and hospital had to sign an agreement that they would accept the payment schedule established by KTEF. This kept Sir Knight Don many hours in waiting rooms. Unfortunately, the first surgery was cancelled when the surgeon decided not to proceed.

Fortunately, Sir Knight Don had an eye appointment coming up and his ophthalmologist, Dr. Andy Hay, agreed to do the surgery. Don was surprised to discover, through that conversation, that Dr. Hay is a Mason. All of the agreements for the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and hospital had to be signed once more. But, finally, after several months of work, the approvals were received and Mr. Foz had his surgery on each eye in October.

At our November stated conclave, Piedmont Commandery hosted Mr. Foz and his case worker Mrs. Connie Sampson, for dinner. Mr. Foz was nearly in tears of joy and thanks for his new vision. He said that it was like looking through the eyes of a child. It was a great joy to all of the Sir Knights to see a man living in our midst brought from despair to joy and hope for a productive new life ahead of him. Through this work, we have all had the opportunity to witness first hand the worth of this great charity of ours.





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Upcoming Events for December

- 1 Dec Manassas Royal Arch Chapter #81
- 2 Dec Manasseh Lodge #182 Stated Communication
- 14 Dec C.A.Sinclair Daylight Communication
- 14 Dec Pr. Wm. Chapter DeMolay
- 15 Dec Destiny Court #14, Order of the Amaranth
- 20 Dec Wimodausis Chapter #106, Order of the Eastern Star
- 22 Dec Piedmont Commandery #26, Christmas Observance**
- 29 Dec C.A.Sinclair Council #412, Allied Masonic Degrees



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