

Sir Knights of Piedmont Commandery #26: 2 January, 2009

1) Happy New Year to all our Sir Knights! May the Supreme Architect guide and bless our efforts in 2009!

2) Our January meeting will be a combined meeting on 22 January, beginning with dinner at 6:30 PM, to be followed promptly at 7 PM by a brief RAC 81 rescheduled meeting in place of their normal meeting which fell on New Year's Day this year. Our Commandery meeting should open about 7:30 PM, our normal scheduled time. The Commandery meeting will be the first of 2 Officer step-up meetings (Jan. & Feb.) for certification of our Dias officers for their new positions for the March Commandery Officer elections and installation.

3) On Saturday, 20 December we had the eighth session of our monthly Commander's Class, on selected Saturday mornings at 10 AM for several hours my house, to assist all interested Sir Knights who have not served as Commander in preparing for their certification for serving. The Saturday class is open on a continuing basis for all interested Sir Knights, and will continue until all interested Sir Knights have been prepared for their Commander certification. This is a highly personalized class with opportunities for all attendees to get all of their questions answered at their own pace.

Please call or e-mail me if you can attend the next two classes on Saturdays, 10 & 17 January at my house at 10 AM, as we will be in preparation for our next Commandery officer "step-up" meeting on 22 January.

4) Saturday, January 24, 2009: = Weekend state-wide conferral of all 3 Commandery Orders led by the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Jeffrey G. Burcham, at the Scottish Rite Temple in Richmond. We expect to welcome as many as 3 new Sir Knights to Piedmont Commandery on that Saturday.

5) All Officers and all other Sir Knights: I request that you contact me and our Recorder, Sir Knight Barry, if you absolutely cannot be present for any of our conclaves. Our Commandery cannot have a successful year without your personal regular monthly attendance support and participation.

6) We would like to have each Sir Knight, especially all of the officers, both elected and appointed, in full uniform at every meeting. Call me if you have questions. Uniform & Chapeau purchase information is available at:

virginiaknightstemplar.org & vayorkrite.org & ktuniversal.com (chapeaus)

7) Please continue to bring your Virginia Grand Commandery Knights Templar Ritual Digest to all meetings as we will continue to work extensively with the Digest material. If you do not have a current Digest, let me or the Recorder know and for \$35.00, a Ritual Digest copy and 3-ring binder version will be provided to you. The newest Digest has sword-handling and footwork position diagrams in it.

8) Continuing Note: 2009 dues are expected to be \$47.00 to cover a Grand Encampment per-capita tax. Your dues cards will be mailed when they become available after your dues are received by the Recorder. You can bring a check made out to Piedmont Commandery No. 26, with '2009 Dues' on the check "NOTE" line to our Recorder, SK Barry at our April meeting, or mail your check to 621 Third Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-3145.

9) Sir Knights, you are requested to continue to approach qualified Royal Arch Masons who are not Knights Templar and invite them to apply to join us now and complete their participation and education in the York Rite. Again, my sincere thanks to those of you responsible for the 6 candidates we have voted on to receive the Orders this year to date. 4 are now Sir Knights, with the remaining two expected to receive their remaining Orders on 24 January in Richmond. Commandery applications forms updated by our Recorder SK Barry are available in the Manassas Lodge anteroom or can be obtained via e-mail from me or from Barry.

Please call me if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Thursday, 24 January, at 6:30 PM for dinner and 7:30 for our meeting. If you haven't seen a full-form opening in a while, stop by for a mental refresher course.

S&F,
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Past Commanders

Robert Mayer - 2007,08

Dallas Brumback - 2006

Charles McNoldy - 2005

Donald L. McAndrews - 2004

Edwin P. Elliott - 2003

Michael Kastle - 2000, 02

*Paul S. Newhall - 2001,1996

Jeffrey S. Holbrook - 1999

@Charles W. Wagner - 1998

*J. Barry Bartley - 1997

*W. Larry Williams - 1995

Michael E. Coleman - 1993,94

*Myron J. Lewis - 1992

*@%Edwin R. Carpenter Jr. - 1991

*Robert E. Riggle, Sr. - 1990

*Marvin M. Shoaf - 1983,84,89

*#Douglas L. Jordan - 1982

@S. Flory Diehl - 1981

Richard G. Neal - 1979

*Selma G. Corder - 1978

Carol F. Groff - 1977

%*Edward R. Saunders Jr. - 1976

*Edwin W. Stewart - 1974

Howard M. Spurlock Jr. - 1970,72

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