



**Piedmont Commandery #26
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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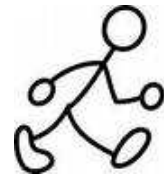
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OFFICERS

Walter Roland Peterman	Commander
Frank Marvin Wyckoff	Generalissimo
Glenn Allen Lewis	Capt. General
Paul James Martin	Sr. Warden
James Darryl Tedder	Jr. Warden
Rev. Edwin Powers Elliott, Jr, PC	Prelate
Douglas Lawrence Jordan, PDDGC	Treas.
James Barry Bartley, PDDGC	Recorder
Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr., PDC	STD Bearer
John R. Wigglesworth, Jr, PGC.	SWD Bearer
Donald Leo McAndrews, PC	Warder
Jeffrey S. Holbrook, PC	Sentinel

Committees:

Frank Wyckoff	Awards
Paul Martin	Hospitality
Don McAndrews	Degrees
Doug Jordan	Opening Ritual
Barry Bartley	Sword Drill
Jim Tedder	Telephone



WALK THE TALK

From the Commander's Apartment

Last month, I wrote about some of my disappointments since becoming your Commander. A new disappointment came at the June Conclave, when we lacked just one member to open. The evening was not lost, however, as SK Don McAndrews gave an enlightening talk on The Saints John, particularly John the Baptist. We did this in the dining hall, savoring our BBQ sandwiches, coffee & iced tea. After Don's presentation, a few of us did some sword and ritual work.

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Living Past Commanders Piedmont Commandery #26

2008: SK Robert A. Mayer, Jr.

2009: SK Robert A. Mayer, Jr.

2007: SK Dallas W. Brumback

2006: SK Charles E. McNoldy

2005: SK Donald L. McAndrews

2004: SK Edwin P. Elliott, Grand Chaplain

2001 & 2003: SK Michael J. Kastle, KTCH

2000: SK Jeffrey S. Holbrook

1999: SK Charles W. Wagner, PDDGC, PGC, KCT

1998: SK James B. Bartley, PDDGC

1997 & 2002: SK Paul S. Newhall, KTCH, PDDGC, KCT, REGC of DC

1996: SK William L. Williams, PDDGC

1994 & 1995: SK Michael E. Coleman

1993: SK Myron J. Lewis, PDDGC

1992: SK Edwin R. Carpenter Jr., PDDGC, PGC, PDC, KCT

1991: SK Robert E. Riggle, Sr., PDDGC, PDI

1984, 1985 & 1990: SK Marvin M. Shoaf, PDDGC

1983: SK Douglas L. Jordan, KTCH, PDDGC, PDI

1980: SK Richard G. Neal

1978: SK Carol F. Groff

1977: SK Edward R. Saunders Jr., PDDGC, PGC, PDC, KGC

1973 & 1971: SK Howard M. Spurlock Jr.

KTCH: Knight Templar Cross of Honor;

PDDGC: Past District Deputy Grand Commander

PDI: Past District Instructor

PGC: Past Grand Commander

PDC: Past Department Commander

KCT: Knight Commander of the Temple

KGC: Knight Grand Cross

REGC: Right Eminent Grand Commander

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From the Commander's Apartment

At this writing, we are not sure when the District Deputy will make his official visit to Piedmont Commandery #26. Several of the brethren have informed me that they will be out of town for the July meeting, so we will need every able bodied SK we can muster. I hope you will plan to join us. If you don't have a uniform, come anyway, and enjoy the companionship with your fellow SKs. While uniforms are preferred, I would rather see you at the conclaves, even on the sidelines. There are plenty of empty seats, so you pretty much have your choice. Remember, as I said before, we are Christians first and foremost.

Finally, did you know that if you have served as Worshipful Master, High Priest and Commander, you become eligible for KYCH? If that is your personal goal, we need to talk. Because of the current relatively short line, this is a golden opportunity to work toward that end. I would love to talk with you about your Masonic ambitions.

Call or e-mail me at wjp1949@verizon.net .

Finally, our July training session will again be held at the home of SK Jim Tedder at 10:00 A.M. on July 18. I encourage all SKs interested in working on the ritual to join us. Please call Jim Tedder at 703-369-2252 for directions and to let him know you plan to attend.

Looking ahead, because of various uncertainties, programs are not currently in place for the July, August and September conclaves, but I have program plans for the remainder of the year. All past Commanders, please circle October 22nd on your calendars as I plan on having a Past Commander's night. That means, Past Commanders will fill the chairs and have an opportunity to demonstrate their Commandery skills.

Fraternally, Walt Peterman, Commander.

Correspondence Course

Interested in learning more about the Commandery? A new correspondence course has been developed and is available. See the information below.

Tactics, Constitutions & Supplies

For the purpose of supporting the Leadership and Correspondence Course, the Grand Commandery is now providing copies of the Tactics and Constitutions for all interested Sir Knights. All checks should be made out to the **Grand Commandery of Virginia** and sent to the Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Nelson Trinkle at **4101 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA 23223-4999**.

- Tactics - \$10
- Constitutions - \$8
- Proceedings (may be older copy) - \$10
- Binders - \$10

Note: Our recorder now has a few copies of the manual. Please let us know if you need a copy.

One of the greatest sources of training is right in our own commandery. You can learn a lot, by sitting on the sidelines, but more from your own participation.

As the old saying goes. Try it, you might like it!

June Conclave Minutes Summary

Conclave not held due to poor attendance.

Philanthropy

Foremost is the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Last year our Commandery averaged \$8.23 per member. I hope we can improve on that. Did you know that when you joined this Commandery, you purchased one lifetime membership in the foundation for \$30? We shouldn't stop there. If able, a reasonable goal should be one new membership with our dues each year. The second area of our support is an annual Holy Land Tour for young pastors. Since 1984, over 50 pastors have been given this opportunity. Finally, we support the Baldwin-Brown Fund begun in 1998 by SK Richard Baldwin as an endowment to support the Grand Conclave. A nice diamond pin is awarded for the donation of \$150.

64th Triennial Conclave

Virginia is honored to be the host for the 64th Triennial Conclave, honoring SK Richard Burditt Baldwin, GCT. It will be held in Roanoke beginning August 17. Information can be obtained using the internet address below.

<http://www.knightstemplar.org/conferences/64.pdf>

Grand Commander's Visit

Grand Commander Mark Underwood will make his official visit to District 3 on July 11 at Kena Temple. I know it is summer vacation time, but I urge all of you if with in the length of your cable tow, to support the District and this Commandery in particular, by your attendance. Unfortunately, I will be out of town and our Generalissimo, Frank Wyckoff will be acting in my stead. If you are interested in attending the Grand Commander's visitation, please contact SK Frank at 703-590-2060 for more information. The Grand Commander's picture is now on the VA KT Web page. You can find it by "Googling" VA Knights Templar. His theme is "A New Crusade".

**"Let Your Light Shine, So Shine
Before Men, That They May See
Your Good Works And Glorify Your
Father Which Is In Heaven"**



"Carrying the Banner"

Sir Knights; are you ready to carry the banner for Christianity, for your country, for your family, for your Commandery and for masonry; or are you content to be a couch potato? I realize that many of you no longer live in the area and are unable to attend meetings. Some of you do not drive at night. If you are in this group, please call me at 703-494-2556 and I will arrange to have someone transport you to our meetings. In all honesty, these are challenging and busy times for us all; however, it is difficult for me to understand the difficulty of reserving 3 nights a month for your lodge, your chapter and your commandery. With a membership of nearly 100, I struggle to understand why our attendance is so low and why it is so difficult to find individuals who are willing to fill chairs. We truly miss you. Many of you, I have never met. I welcome the opportunity to visit with you and sit with you in your Commandery. Why not make it a point to mark your calendars, monthly on the first Thursday, the date of your Royal Arch Chapter's meeting and on the Fourth Thursday for your Commandery. I will do my best to make the evening an enjoyable one for you while keeping the actual meeting time as short as possible. You will want to join us at 6:30 before the meeting (at 7:30) PM; to nourish your body with a meal fit for a Knight.



**If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail instead of regular mail, please send me your e-mail address. Above all, please feel free to e-mail me and let me know how you are doing and what it will take on my part, to sit with you again in one of our conclaves?
Fraternally,**

Walt Peterman, Commander

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Please Mark Your Calendars and plan to attend.