

Sir Knights of Piedmont Commandery #26:

14 May, 2008

1) 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.

2) We are conferring the Order of the Red Cross on either 6 or 7 candidates at our May meeting; 4 or 5 from our Commandery and 2 from Arlington. All 3 of our new costumes will be used for the first time at that conferral!! All who have seen the new costumes were favorably impressed.

3) Please continue to bring your Virginia Grand Commandery Knights Templar Ritual Digest to all meetings in the coming year 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 \$15.00, a Ritual Digest copy and 3-ring binder version will be provided to you.

4) The Virginia Grand Commandery Conclave was held on May 1, 2, & 3 (Thur - Sat-noon) in Charlottesville at the Doubletree Hotel (See also viriniaknightstemplar.org). Sir Knight Jeffrey Burcham who has assisted us on many occasions was installed as our Grand Commander of Virginia for the coming year.

5) Continuing on this Saturday, 17 May, there will be the second of a monthly class, on Saturday mornings at 10 AM for about 2 hours my house, to assist all those interested Sir Knights who have not served as Commander in preparing for their certification for serving. We have a number of Sir Knights who have indicated their interest in serving. This 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. I hope to have at least 4 Piedmont Commandery Sir Knights prepared for Commander Certification by next year. Please call or e-mail me as soon as possible if you can attend this Saturday.

6) Our new DDGC, John Bullach, has provided the following information about visits from our incoming Grand Commander in the coming year:

"For the record the following dates are Grand Commander's visits to District 3 and to your Commandery.

12 July: 11 A.M. Or Noon at Manassas: = This is the same date as the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge conferral date, but we really don't have a choice. Hopefully our Sir Knights can attend both.

8 August: = Visit to Arlington # 29

28 August: = Piedmont # 26

22 October: = Old Dominion # 11

24 January 2009: = One-Day conferral of ALL orders at Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria.

John Bullach, DDGC; District 3"

Thanks John, and congratulations on your DDGC installation.

7) We would like to have each Sir Knight, especially all of the officers, both elected and appointed, in full uniform at every meeting. Uniform purchase information is available at:

viriniaknightstemplar.org & vayorkrite.org

8) Continuing Note: 2008 dues are \$47.00 to cover a Grand Encampment increase in 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 '2008 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 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. Commandery applications forms have been updated by our Recorder (thanks, Barry) and printed forms should be available at the Lodge 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 at our Thursday, 22 May meeting at 6:30 PM for dinner and 7:30 for our meeting and Order of the Red Cross conferral.

S&F,
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Commander
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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 - 2002,2000

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

*= PDDGC, \$= GC, #= DL, @= PGC, %= Grand Encampment Department Head

Officers for 2008-2009

Commander: Bob Mayer

Generalissimo: Chuck Covarrubias

Captain General: Walt Peterman

Senior Warden: Frank Wyckoff

Junior Warden: Glenn Lewis

Warder: Jacob Yates

Standard Bearer: Ed Carpenter

Sword Bearer: Don McAndrews

Sentinel: Chuck McNoldy

Recorder: Barry Bartley

Treasurer: Doug Jordan

Prelate: Rev. Dr. Edwin Elliott