

Sir Knights of Piedmont Commandery #26: 15 September, 2008

1) Sir Knight Jeffrey Glen Burcham, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Virginia, made his official visit specifically to Piedmont commandery at our 28 August meeting. He also conferred the Order of the Temple on 8 candidates in Winchester on 6 September, including 3 from Piedmont #26. Senior Warden SK Frank Wychoff and I had the pleasure and the privilege of participating in the Conferral.

Congratulation to our new Sir Knights Cole Bradshaw, Mani Singh, and Jim Tedders!!

2) On Saturday, 30 August, we had the fifth session of our monthly Commander's Class, on Saturday mornings at 10 AM for about 3 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 class on Saturday, 4 October at my house at 10 AM, as we will be in preparation for our next officer "step-up" meeting in January.

3) On September 20th, this Saturday, from 11am to 3pm, Manasseh Lodge will be holding their annual lodge family picnic. All Sir Knights are welcomed to attend with their spouses and children. The Commandery will be providing ice and beverages.

4) Our DDGC John Bullach provided the following information about the remaining District visits from our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Jeffrey Burcham, for the coming months (subject to some change):

November: = Visit to Old Dominion #11

January 2009: = 3-weekend conferral of ALL York Rite and Scottish Rite degrees and orders at the Scottish Rite Temple in Alexandria (combined fee of \$300).

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

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 \$15.00, 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: 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 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. My sincere thanks to those of you responsible for the 6 candidates we have voted on to receive the Orders this year to date. 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, 25 September, 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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