

21 May, 2006

Greetings Companions,

May Meeting: After yet another delicious dinner prepared and served by our OES folks preceding our May 11th meeting, Most Excellent Doug Jordan provided a last-minute exchange with Most Excellent Jeffrey Bercham who had to deal with a last-minute personal problem, and presented an excellent 7:15 P.M. program on his perspectives on 'More Light'?", our year-long theme, with an emphasis toward Royal Arch history in Virginia. Thank you, Doug, for a very interesting presentation! Unfortunately, we were short one person and were unable to open the Chapter.

As discussed at our April meeting, to conserve mailing costs we have moved to an e-mail newsletter except for those who specifically request to me that they would prefer a mailed newsletter hardcopy (3 of these so far). Each e-mailed newsletter is also posted on the VaYorkRite.org web-site.

June Meeting (1 June; 1st Thursday): After 6:30 P.M. dinner, our program will begin at 7:15 (prior to the Chapter 8 P.M. opening to allow guest Blue Lodge members to be in the audience) with the 9th program in our "What is 'More Light'?" series to be a presentation by Most Excellent Jeffrey Burcham, PGHP of Virginia, emphasizing educational opportunities in the additional Masonic organizations beyond the Royal Arch. I hope you will be able to attend and hear this excellent speaker! In case you missed the meeting, many of our past speakers' papers are on the Masonic web-site, VaYorkRite.org, with several more to be added in the near future.

At the meeting, we will address the open issue from April to nominate a candidate for DDGHP for the coming year. Each volunteer candidate should be self-identified to myself or our Companion Secretary Jeffrey Holbrook, preferably in writing, by the June meeting, indicating that they are interested and available and have received the Anointed High Priest degree. Candidates other than past DDGHPs are preferred. Our RAC #81 Chapter will identify one or more candidates to be confirmed at the June meeting. From this pool of candidates, the Grand King will select the DDGHPs for each district for the coming year.

Your attendance and participation at the June meeting will assist RAC #81 in this important task.

Future Chapter Program Speakers: The Companion speakers for the RAC #81 "What is 'More Light'" series programs at 7:15 P.M. (before each Chapter opening) for the remainder of the Chapter year are expected to be:

July: (To be announced)

August: Worshipful Master Geoffrey Morrell, Tacoma Park Lodge, a native New Zealander who is a licensed Healing Practitioner in New Zealand and has a healing practice in D.C.

Please plan to attend as many meetings as you can to hear these excellent and interesting presenters who are donating their time and effort to support our Chapter!

Your attendance at and participation in all RAC #81 activities as always will be most welcome! If you are able to attend a pre-Chapter-meeting dinner, always at 6:30 P.M., please let me know if possible at 703-368-4997 so we can make sure to have enough food for all. I continue to look forward to a year of good fellowship and interesting activities and remain open to all suggestions and constructive criticisms.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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