

11 Aug, 2006

## *Greetings Companions,*

### **July Meeting (6 July):**

After 6:30 P.M. dinner, our meeting began at 8:00 and included the 10<sup>th</sup> program in our “What is ‘More Light’?” series which was a presentation by your current High Priest on “The Intrigue of the Possible (Part 2)”. Many of our past speakers’ papers are on the Masonic web-site, [VaYorkRite.org](http://VaYorkRite.org), with several more to be added in the future.

### **August Meeting (3 August; 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday):**

At our 6:30 dinner, we awarded six Royal Arch scholarships for this year. Our Scholarship Committee headed by Right Excellent Companions Chuck Soderberg and Linwood Holbrook has had the difficult task of determining awardees from 12 strong candidates, and I would like to thank the committee for their diligent and persistent efforts in fund raising and candidate selection. We all celebrated these awards and congratulate these young adult recipients as we wish them well in their school activities.

During the Chapter meeting under the leadership of our District Lecturer, Right Excellent Don McAndrews, we conferred the Most Excellent Master’s degree on a District candidate to progress him forward toward being ready with our candidate and one other for the Royal Arch Degree to be conferred on 14 August at a District Chapter meeting. In preparation for our Thursday degree work, a Past Master’s degree was held in Warren Chapter on the previous Tuesday, 1 August, with the Council Degrees conferred at Fauquier Chapter which met at Henry Lodge on Wednesday night, 2 August. Thanks to all of you who joined me in supporting these 3 nights of degree work which we expect will lead to another member to our Chapter!

Your attendance at and participation in all RAC #81 activities as always will be most welcome! If you are able to attend the pre-Chapter-meeting dinner in September, please let me know if possible at 703-368-4997 so we can make sure to have enough food for all.

### **September Meeting (7 September; 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday):**

All Companions please plan on joining us in September for elections and installation of officers for the upcoming Capitulary year, which will be a momentous one as Right Excellent Companion Grand King Buddy Wagner in November at the Virginia Grand Chapter meeting becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Royal Arch Grand High Priest from our Manassas RAC #81 Chapter. Right Excellent Companion Paul Newhall, also a member of our Chapter, will become the Grand King in November and Grand High Priest in November, 2007.

Dinner at 6:30 will precede the meeting.

I look forward to successfully concluding in September what has been for me a year of good fellowship and interesting activities and I remain open to all suggestions and constructive criticisms. Thanks to each of you for your support and encouragement during my year in the East.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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