

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Grand Commander



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Greetings Sir Knights,

On October 6th, I had the distinct honor and privilege of conferring the Order of the Temple on 30 candidates at Castle McCullough, alongside my Grand York Rite counterparts, Grand High Priest Will Chriscoe, and Grand Illustrious Master Jeff York. The Sir Knights of Ivanhoe

Commandery #8 hosted the event. Our new Mid-Atlantic Department Commander, PGC James Steele was in attendance.



The new Sir Knights were presented with commemorative certificates designed & printed by PGC Mike Daniels

We even had the Grand Commander of South Carolina, RE Mark McDonald, and the Grand Illustrious Master of South Carolina, John Bowker, visiting with us as well.



From Left: GIM J. Bowker (SC), REGC M. McDonald (SC), GHP W. Chriscoe, GIM J. York, REGC L. Wodka

Thanks to all the Sir Knights from the Commanderies

across the state who participated in this event. Special thanks to SK Larry Aydlett for organizing and managing the event – it was a massive undertaking, and he did a terrific job.

On October 11, I issued my General Order #3 in response to a majority of the Commanderies in North Carolina requesting a special conclave to consider the actions of the Grand Master following the 68th Triennial Conclave. The conclave will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, beginning at 1:00 PM in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Embassy Suites Hotel located at 4800 South Tryon Street.

In Memoriam: Donald W. Wooster, PGC



June 28, 1950 - October 19, 2021

The Knights Templar of North Carolina were saddened by the sudden loss of Past Grand Commander Don Wooster on October 19. A memorial service was held by Phoenix Lodge #8 in Fayetteville on October 27. The brethren did a superb job in conducting the ceremony. I am proud to have known him and to have called him a friend. He will be missed. I have ordered in my General Order #4 that all active charters under the Grand Commandery of North Carolina be physically or symbolically draped in black beginning October 20, ending November 20, 2021.

I also had the honor of being received at the Grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth on October 21 in Clemmons. It was a beautiful and dignified event, and I was glad to represent the Knights Templar of North Carolina on that occasion.

November promises to be a very busy month as well. On Saturday, November 6, a unit of Knights Templar will march in the Veterans' Day Parade in Southern Pines. The parade steps off at 10:00 AM. On Wednesday, November 10, a ceremony will be held in Southern Pines to officially constitute Nazareth Commandery #41 and present them their charter. This will be followed by the installation of officers. This historic occasion will mark the first time a new Commandery has been constituted in North Carolina since 1968. If you are interested in attending, please email me a message as soon as possible.

As the month of November draws to a close, we will all be celebrating Thanksgiving. I hope you all enjoy the holiday with your friends and families. Please remember to take the time to offer up your thanks for the many mercies and blessings we enjoy through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Have a safe and happy holiday!

In December we will have even more activity in the Commanderies across the state. I am looking forward to being with you in the upcoming months. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or if you are in need of resources to carry out your events.

Fraternally,

Ludwik J. Wodka
Grand Commander

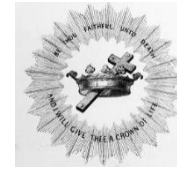
Celebrating 200 Years of Knights Templar in North Carolina

The Grand Commandery of North Carolina is celebrating its 200th anniversary, in conjunction with Plantagenet Commandery #1 in Wilmington and Palestine Commandery #20 in Fayetteville. The original Commandery was chartered as Fayetteville #1 in

1821, which moved and was re-chartered in 1850 as Wilmington #1 and then later renamed to Plantagenet #1. The celebration will be held at the Wilmington Scottish Rite at 1415 South 17th St, Wilmington on Saturday,



December 18, starting at 5:00 PM. This will also be the annual Christmas Observance for Palestine Commandery #20. Sir Knights attending are requested to wear Commandery Uniforms without belt and sword, or dark suit, and business casual for ladies in attendance. Please RSVP to Tom Jones at tbjones9350@gmail.com by December 5.



Important Dates to Remember:

November:

- 6:** Southern Pines Veterans Day Parade
New Bern York Rite Bodies Degree Festival,
8:00 AM
- 10:** Nazareth Commandery #41 Consecration and
Officers Installation, Southern Pines
- 13:** Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery
of North Carolina, Charlotte
- 15:** Wilkes Commandery #40 Order of the
Temple Degree, North Wilkesboro

December:

- 1:** Ivanhoe Commandery #8 Christmas
Observance, 7:30 PM, Greensboro
- 6:** Salisbury York Rite Christmas Observance,
7:30 PM, Salisbury
- 18:** NC Templary Bicentennial & Palestine #20
Christmas Observance, 5:00 PM

TBD: Wilmington Christmas Parade

YOUR Local Christmas Observance Events – start
planning NOW!

We Need Your Help!

Please send event news from your local commanderies to us for inclusion in the State News! Submissions must be received by the first of the month for inclusion in the upcoming edition. Please send emails with subject line "KT State News" to the editor. Space is limited, and submissions may be altered to fit.

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