



Grand Commander



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Grand Commander's Message

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Greetings Sir Knights,

For those of you who missed the Homecoming at Oxford, you missed a great time. Just to be there with those kids and watching them having a great time with their Masonic daddies was enough to bring tears to this one Mason in particular.

The BBQ was great, thanks to all who participated. The musical program was awesome, both nights. Thank you to all the vendors who were there. You helped make this year's Homecoming a big success.

I was very proud of all the Knights Templar who were there to march in the parade. We had a total of 12 this year. I must say how proud I was to be able to your Grand Commander. You guys were awesome.

Upcoming events: Mark your calendars for Sunday December 11, 2022. The annual Christmas program to be held at the York Rite Chapel in Oxford. This year's observance will be conducted by the Grand Commandery of N.C. and I'm asking all Sir Knights who can to be there in full class A uniform.

Wishing for all of you a very thankful Thanksgiving.

Fraternally in Christ,

Sparkie Travis
Grand Commander

Grand Commander Leads Sir Knights in Parade at Oxford Orphanage Homecoming

Oxford – On Saturday, October 8, 2022, REGC Travis, along with 11 other Sir Knights formed a Company of Knights Templar and marched in the 10th Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival Parade.



REGC Sparkie Travis leads the Sir Knights at the MHCO Homecoming Parade

There was music, family fun, and of course Barbecue! Lots of delicious barbecue. One team came down from Doric Lodge #30 in Millville, Delaware. The team was organized several years ago by Will "Peach" Diefenderfer, who sadly passed away earlier this year. The team has been coming down to our BBQ Cookoff for several years, and this year they continued the tradition in honor and memory of their beloved Peach.



The "Big Peaches" BBQ Team from Doric Lodge #30, Millville, DE



A member of Adoniram #149, Cornwall, NC, seasons a pan of delicious BBQ

**From the Grand Generalissimo,
Scottie W. Cox**

Sir Knights,

Greetings from your Grand Generalissimo. I hope this fall season finds you and yours well. Fall started for your Grand Officers with the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference in Crystal City, Arlington, VA back on September 24th. The Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander and I were in attendance for the annual conference, which the Grand Encampment uses to keep Grand Commanderies informed, active and engaged. It's also a great opportunity to meet officers from other Grand Commanderies and talk shop.



"A Masonic Charity"

underway in North Carolina to get 100% participation in the Life Sponsor program. There are currently two states who have obtained that goal and I believe North Carolina can and will be there soon.

Fall continued with the 10th Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival on the campus of our Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. Twelve Sir Knights came together on Saturday Oct. 8th to march with pride in the Homecoming Parade and represent the North Carolina Grand Commandery. We were led by the American Flag, followed by our Standard and our marching Sir Knights. It was a beautiful day to spend with our Masonic family where our charity has built a long tradition of taking care of children in need.

Fall will come to an end with our annual Commandery Christmas Observance and Divine Services. This is a very special time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with our families, brothers, and friends. We as Knight Templars cherish the Christian religion and have vowed to defend it for all time. Our knowledge and passions for Masonry and Templary, along with our belief in the Christian religion, guides our efforts to provide charity to those who need our help. God has blessed us by giving us

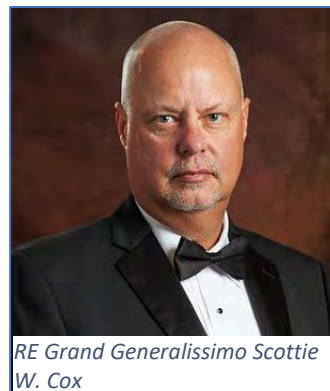
My biggest takeaway this year was the report about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Since its inception in 1956 with \$30,000, the Eye Foundation has spent over \$168,000,000 on patient care, research, and education. As you know, a concerted effort has been

his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Sir Knights, until we meet again, may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, and give you peace.

Scottie W. Cox
Grand Generalissimo

**Knights in Profile: RE Grand
Generalissimo Scottie W. Cox**



RE Grand Generalissimo Scottie W. Cox

Albemarle – RE Scottie W. Cox was born and raised in Albemarle, NC in 1967. After graduating from Albemarle Senior High School, he received an Associate Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from Stanly Community College in 1987 and has been working as an Industrial Electrician ever since. He also maintains an NC Electrical Contractors License.

Scottie was raised a Master Mason on June 15, 1999, at Stanly Lodge #348 in Albemarle, NC. He served as Master in 2003 and 2007, and currently serves as Treasurer. He joined the Salisbury York Rite Bodies and was Knighted in 2000, subsequently serving as High Priest of Salisbury Chapter #20 in 2010, Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council #2 in 2013, and Commander of Salisbury Commandery #13 in 2012.



REGG Scottie W. Cox

He received the Knight of York Cross of Honor (KYCH) at the 2014 York Rite Honors Day in New Bern. He is a Past Presiding Officer of Mecca Council #76, Allied Masonic Degrees, Western NC College #78, York Rite Sovereign College, and St. Patrick's in America Council #1, Knight Masons. He is an Officer in the Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Masonic Order of Athelstan and the Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, The Operatives, Pilgrim Preceptors, and the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (S.R.I.C.F.).

Scottie was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA in 2020. He received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in 2021. He currently serves as the Grand Generalissimo in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina.

He joined the Valley of Charlotte Scottish Rite in October 1999 and was invested with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) in 2017. He joined Oasis Shriners in 2015 and is currently serving on the Divan as Second Ceremonial Master, and the Captain of The Oasis Patrol, the oldest unit in Oasis.

Scottie and his wife Jody live in Albemarle with a Westie named Morgan and a Scottish Terrier named Junior. They have three children; Johnathan, Alicia, and Hannah, and five grandchildren; Austin, Chloe, Cooper, Ella, and Magnolia. He is a life-long member of First Lutheran Church of Albemarle, currently serving on the Church Council and as an Usher, and Communion Assistant, and is a former Chairman of the Family Life Committee.

**Grand Commandery of NC Presents
Templar Sword to Tomb Guards at
Arlington National Cemetery**



(L-R) SKs Ron Armstrong, Sam Henline, Larry Aydlett, and Andy Foust present a commemorative Sword and Plaque to the Tomb Guards at Arlington Cemetery

Arlington, VA – On Saturday, October 8, 2022, a detachment of Sir Knights led by Grand Sword Bearer

Samuel Henline drove up to Arlington National Cemetery to meet with the Tomb Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Representing the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of North Carolina in addition to SK Henline were SKs Andy Foust, Ron Armstrong, and Larry Aydlett, who presented the Tomb Guards with a custom engraved sword and commemorative plaque.



SKs Henline, Aydlett, Foust, and Armstrong with one of the Tomb Guards in their underground bunker beneath the mausoleum.

The Sword was encased in a handmade display box made by SK Andy Foust. In addition, the Sir Knights gathered together many provisions to donate to the Guards: bottled water and energy drinks, snacks, and quick meals to help them keep well during their time on post. The resupply run was greatly appreciated by the Guards and their officers!

Important Reminders:

NOW: Finalize your plan for your Commandery's annual Christmas Observance! It's almost here!

November 3: Goldsboro York Rite hosts the District 3 School of the Knight.

November 8: New Bern York Rite hosts the District 2 School of the Knight.

November 16: Nazareth #41 conferring the Order of the Temple at Castle McCullough, in Jamestown, NC

November 21: Winston-Salem York Rite hosts the District 6 School of the Knight.

November 22: Asheville York Rite hosts the District 9 School of the Knight.

December 11: Grand Commandery conducts the annual Christmas program to be held at the York Rite Chapel at the Oxford Orphanage.