



## Grand Commander



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## Grand Commander's Message

Greetings Sir Knights,

I hope you have all had a wonderful month. It is hard to believe that the first month of 2024 is already gone.

On Saturday January the 13, I along with several other Grand Commandery Officers attended the state AMD Day at the Winston Masonic Center. I want to thank all who attended and helped make this event successful again this year.

On Tuesday, February 6, I along with several other Sir Knights will be traveling to Crystal City, VA, for Masonic Week to be held from February 7 to 11. This is a great week and an opportunity to meet and socialize with many sir knights and brothers who are from other states and countries.

This is also an opportunity to visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, the House of the Temple, and many other sights and attractions that our nation's capital has to offer. I hope to see you all in Crystal City and if you cannot attend this year, I hope you will make plans to attend in the near future.

On Wednesday February 7, I along with several other Sir Knights will be going to the Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is a very humbling experience, and I am honored to get to participate in this wreath laying.

I hope you all have an excellent February and that you plan to attend our upcoming Grand Conclave on March 17, 18, and 19. Please remember to fill out your registrations as soon as possible so that our Grand Recorder will have an accurate head count for the Conclave.

Please, if at all possible, come out and support your grand officers. Thank you all for everything you do for Free-

masonry and the Knights Templar in North Carolina. May God Bless you all.

Fraternally in Christ,

Brandon Penley

Grand Commander

## Grand York Rite Annual Meeting Scheduled for March 17-19 in Clemmons, NC

**Denton** – The 2024 Annual Meeting for the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina has been scheduled for March 17 - 19 to be held at the [Village Inn Hotel and Event Center](#), located at [6205 Ramada Drive](#) in Clemmons, NC. Attendees are encouraged to make room reservations as early as possible. The deadline for reserving rooms at the hotel is Friday, February 16. Registration forms must be received by the Grand Secretary by Monday, March 4, 2024, with payment. Registrations are made payable to NCGYRB and mailed to:

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The Meeting Schedule is as follows:

### Sunday, March 17:

5:00PM – Divine Service, Lexington / Monroe Room (All are encouraged to attend)

8:00 – 9:30PM – Reception & Ice Cream Social, Salem/North Room (Open to all in attendance)

### Monday, March 18:

8:30AM – Opening of Joint Session and Reception of Distinguished Guests, Lexington/Monroe Room

10:00AM – Grand Chapter of RAM

12:00PM – Mens Luncheon (ticket req'd) North Room, Ladies Luncheon (ticket req'd) Salem Room

1:00PM – Grand Chapter Reconvenes (if necessary)

1:30PM – Grand Council R&SM

3:30PM – Grand Commandery KT

7:00PM – Annual Banquet (ticket req'd) Lexington / Monroe Room

9:00PM – Saratoga Degree (location TBD)

**Tuesday, March 19:**

8:30AM – Grand Commandery Reconvenes (if necessary), Lexington / Monroe

10:00AM – Joint Installation of Officers

(Meeting rooms are subject to change)

Please note all past presiding officers of your local Chapter, Council and Commandery are eligible to vote in their respective bodies in addition to the three dais officers and district officers.

Please be sure to note these eligibilities on your ballot registration form when you arrive to register. Any dais officer who is unable to attend, please see your local Secretary-Recorder for proxy information.

**Wilkes Commandery #13 Installation of Officers for 2024**

**North Wilkesboro** – The Wilkesboro York Rite Bodies held their installation of officers on January 19 with MIPM Bill Poteat presiding as installing officer.

Sir Knight Gary Miller was installed as Eminent Commander, Companion David Barlow as Illustrious Master, and Companion Raymond Hayes as High Priest.



MIGM Bill Poteat installed the 2024 officers for the Wilkesboro York Rite bodies.



**Important Reminders:**

**February 10:** Ham Supper Fundraiser for the York Rite Charities at the Greensboro Masonic Temple, 426 W. Market St. Greensboro, from 2-7:30PM

**March 6 & 9:** Greensboro York Rite Bodies hosting their Spring Degree Festival at the Greensboro Masonic Temple. First three degrees will be conferred on Wednesday, March 6, starting at 7:30pm and the remainder of the degrees and orders will be conferred on Saturday, March 9, starting at 8:00am. Lunch will be provided.

Some Highlights from 2023:

