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Grand Commander's Message

Greetings Sir Knights,

Here it is June and summer is upon us. Your Grand York Rite officers traveled to Oxford on May 13 for the District 4 meeting. It was my first time in the lodge at Oxford and I was impressed. The Master and Wardens chairs are very impressive, and I was told they came from the Grand Lodge building in Raleigh. The meal was delicious and prepared by one of their newest members, Companion and Sir Knight Karl Righter, who also happens to be the first candidate I knighted as Grand Commander. On May 25, the Salisbury York Rite Bodies hosted a dinner in honor of the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Companion and Sir Knight Jonathan Black prepared a most delicious meal that was enjoyed by all. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Brethren and their Ladies who took time out of their Memorial Day Weekend to travel to Salisbury for this occasion. It proves that each of you have a Passion for the Fraternity. I was truly honored and humbled by your presence.

On Saturday, June 22, the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford will be celebrating St. John's Day with a day full of activities beginning with an Ice Cream Social at 10am and concluding with a Black-Tie Fundraising event at 5pm. Freemasons historically celebrate two feasts of Saints who are both named John. The festival of John the Baptist commemorates his birthday and falls on June 24, and that of John the Evangelist is observed on the third day of Christmas on December 27. St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, marks the summer solstice, when nature attains the zenith of light and life and joy. St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, symbolizes the turn of the sun's farthest journey, which is symbolic of the attainment of wisdom, the rewards of a well-spent life, and goodwill toward

men. An interesting note, the first Grand Lodge organized in England on June 24, 1717, on the Festival Day of the Baptist. The United Grand Lodge of England was created on December 27, 1813, on the Festival Day of the Evangelist.

Your Grand Officers will hold three District meetings in June. On June 4, we will be in Lenior for the District 4 meeting. On June 12, we will be traveling to Southern Pines for the District 5 meeting and on June 17, we will be in Winston-Salem for the District 6 meeting. Please come and joins us at a meeting site near you.

The 87th Anniversary of the Great Smokies Summer Assembly of York Rite Masons will be held in Maggie Valley, NC from July 14 – 16. Please make your plans now to attend. For more information and to download your registration form, please visit the North Carolina Grand York Rite website at <https://ncgyorkrite.org/> or go to the Summer Assembly website directly at <https://mwsite.org/sites/ncgssa/>.

Fraternally yours,

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Grand York Rite District Meeting Changes

Denton – There have been a couple more changes to the schedule of district meetings. Please note the updated table below outlining the updated schedule for the remaining meetings.

Also, there will be a Table Council on Monday, August 5, at the Winston-Salem Masonic Center starting at 6:00PM. Attendees should be prepared to have a lot of fun, and bring both a roll of quarters (for fines) and folding money for the live auction. All proceeds will benefit our York Rite Charities.

There is no cost for attending other than the

roll of quarters, and the dinner will be Prime Rib with all the trimmings. Those wishing to attend should notify REPGC [Kirby Matthews](#) of the Salisbury York Rite before July 25.

Dist. No.	Date	District Meeting Location & Times
8	04-JUN	602 Wilkesboro Blvd. NE, Lenoir , NC 28645 6:30 PM dinner, 7:30 PM meeting
5	12-JUN	230 NW Broad St., Southern Pines , NC 28387 6:00 PM dinner , 7:00 PM meeting
6	17-JUN	4537 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem , NC 27104 6:00 PM dinner , 7:00 PM meeting
2	12-AUG	1415 S 17th St., Wilmington , NC 28401 6:00 PM King Solomon's Feast, 7:00 PM meeting
9	16-AUG	435 E Marshall St., Waynesville , NC 28786 (Rescheduled after GYR, times TBD)
1	21-OCT	1104 Charles St., Greenville , NC 27858 No dinner, 7:30 PM meeting

**87th Great Smokies
Summer Assembly Program**

Maggie Valley – The schedule for this year’s Summer Assembly at Maggie Valley has been released with registration, event plans, and hotel information now available online at <https://mwsite.org/sites/ncgssa/>. A summary of the events is outlined as follows:

Saturday, July 13, 2024:

10:00AM – A “Putt-Putt” Contest will be held at Fantasy Golf next to the Castlewood Motel in Maggie Valley. The registration fee is \$5.00 per person (open to adults and children) and there will be trophies.

2:00PM – York Rite College Knight of York Conferral at Waynesville Lodge #259, 435 E. Marshall St. Dress is business casual.

7:30PM – Group outing to the HART Theater to see Footloose. Contact Robin Hargett at (704) 242-0885 or robinthargett@gmail.com for ticket prices.

Sunday, July 14, 2024:

Zero-Dark-30 – Whitewater Rafting Trip, organized by Mark Alexander. Contact Mark at (336) 984-9980 or cenobile13@hotmail.com for details.

10:30AM – Church Service at the First Baptist Church of Maggie Valley.

3:00 – 5:00PM – Registration and Cookout, Maggie Valley Community Pavilion, 3987 Soco Road.

Monday, July 15, 2024:

9:00AM – Summer Assembly convenes.

Moderator: Russell E. Bridges, PMIGM

Introductions: David Cashion, PMIGM

Speakers:

- ✧ Donald Kehler, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M
- ✧ Dustin T. Verity, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Hawaii
- ✧ Brian R. Dodson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas

3:00 PM – Masonic Marker Address: C. Speed Hallman, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M.

7:00PM – Banquet & Evening Entertainment will be at Maggie Valley Club & Resort, 1819 Country Club Drive, Maggie Valley

Tuesday, July 16, 2024:

9:00AM – Summer Assembly reconvenes.

Speakers:

- ✧ James E. Winzenreid, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and Provincial Grand Master of the USA of the Royal Order of Scotland
- ✧ Remarks by North Carolina Grand Presiding Officers

Registration Fee is \$20 for the assembly, \$65 per person for the banquet (\$20 for children under 12). The Registration form is available online [here](#), and must be turned in to the Grand Secretary no later than June 20, 2024.

Important Reminders:

June 1: Conferral of the Commandery Orders for Raleigh York Rite. Starts at 9:00AM on Saturday at JJ Crowder Lodge in Raleigh.

June 4: District 8 meeting at Hibriten lodge in Lenoir, starting at 7:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM.

June 12: District 5 meeting at Southern Pines lodge in Southern Pines, starting at 7:00PM, dinner at 6:00PM.

June 17: District 6 meeting at Winston-Salem Masonic Center in Winston-Salem, starting at 7:00PM, dinner at 6:00PM.

June 23: Salisbury York Rite Picnic, RSVP to REPGC [Kirby Matthews](#) by June 17 for directions, the picnic will be offsite.