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R.E. Grand Commander, 2025-2026



Sir Knights,

**He is risen! He is risen indeed!!!**

Lady Courtney and I bring you greetings and wish you all a Happy Easter! During this special time, we recognize the solemnity of the sacrifice made by our Savior on Calvary and celebrate the joy of his resurrection. We should all reflect on the four tenets that sum up Easter: mercy, sacrifice, forgiveness and hope. The mercy of our Lord led Him to send his Son as a sacrifice that we might have a path to forgiveness which gives up hope of salvation and eternal life. Because the tomb was empty, our future is full of hope. Instead of regarding this as just another holiday because you already know how the story ends, I encourage you all to remain in awe of this most important of miracles.

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” - John 1:25

“For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

- 1 Corinthians 15:16-22, ESV

Our Templar year is off to a fast start. With many Commanderies performing work or holding an Easter Observance, and my travel to other Grand York Rite Sessions, my schedule has been demanding, but it is good to see how active our state is. If your Commandery is performing work or hosting a special event, please let me know so I can try to make arrangements to attend.

Keep in mind our motto and scripture for this year, “Vincit Qui Se Vincit” and Isaiah 6:8, as we continue to take the initiative in our roles as servant leaders to build on the success we have experienced. In order to build the skills we need to serve the Sir Knights of South Carolina, I recommend taking look into the programs offered by Grand Encampment on [templared.org](http://templared.org) and [yorkriteleadership.org](http://yorkriteleadership.org). These programs are very beneficial no matter your current position or aspirations.

I would also like to remind everyone that I am selling Grand Commander's coins this year in an effort to raise funds for the Knights Templar Education Fund. The coins are \$10 each. If you are interested, just let me or one of my officers know and we will make arrangements to get one to you.



Your Fellow Soldier In Christ,

SK William S. Ghent – KTCH, KCT, KYCH, CTC

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Grand Commandery Knights Templar of SC

“Vincit Qui Se Vincit”

### **The Grand Commander's Upcoming Travel Schedule**

April 19 – Chair Degrees and KYCH Investiture – Columbia, SC

April 23-25 - Grand Lodge of SC, AFM – Spartanburg, SC

April 28 – Conway York Rite Bodies Official Visit – Conway, SC

May 1-3 - Grand York Rite of Ga – Macon, Ga

May 3 – Palmetto York Rite College – Columbia, SC

May 10 – Super Excellent Master Degree – Aiken, SC

May 12 – Greenville York Rite Bodies Official Visit – Greenville, SC

May 18-21 – Grand York Rite of Fl – Lake Mary, Fl

June 6 – South Carolina-Georgia Masonic Exchange – Leesville, SC

June 7 – Womack Council Knight Masons – Columbia, SC

June 9 – Newberry York Rite Bodies Official Visit – Newberry, SC

June 13-15 – Southeastern Department Conference – Atlanta, Ga

June 17 – Fork York Rite Bodies Official Visit – Fork, SC

June 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> District Educational Visit – Richburg, SC

July 14 – Florence York Rite Bodies Official Visit – Florence, SC

July 26 – AMD In-gathering – Camden, SC

GYR of SC 2025





3/16-3/18 - GYR of NC



w/ SK Mike Hoff, REGC of NC 25-26



w/ SK Scottie Cox, REPGC of NC 24-25



1907 Barber half dollar (GCKT of SC was established in 1907) presented to me by SK Scottie Cox, REPGC and the new Grand Commander of NC's coin.



2025-2026 GYR of NC lapel pin and the lapel pin for the Old Saratoga degree conferred 3/17

4/5/2025 - Columbia Red Cross, Malta and Order of the Temple. 6 New Sir Knights



4/6/2025 - Sumter Commandery #20 Easter Observance

