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R.E. Grand Commander, 2025-2026

Greetings Sir Knights,

As we move forward this year, I would like us to take the time to focus on the application of the Knightly Virtues - faith, generosity, courtesy, courage, and honor. In your faith, focus on incorporating it into your daily life and the decisions you make. Be conscious of those who need our generosity. We can't always wait for an opportunity to present itself. Sometimes, we have to actively seek those in need of our assistance. Show courtesy in your interactions with everyone you encounter. Especially those who least deserve it. Honor and courage are the foundation of the knightly virtues and, as such, should be present in the character of every Knight Templar before he ever kneels to be knighted. With that in mind, always stay true to your word even when it is difficult and never deviate from your moral code. Today, we rarely face situations that require us to display courage in the classical sense such as facing danger in battle. However, we can show courage while upholding our honor. In a world where morals are all too often discarded in the name of personal gain, it takes courage to remain a good and upright man and Mason.

The officers of the Grand Commandery have been very busy in the past several weeks. Attending the our Grand Lodge meeting, GYR Sessions in Georgia and Florida, appendant body meeting in South Carolina and the Super Excellent Master degree in Aiken have added many miles and memories. It has truly been an honor to represent our Grand Commandery at all of these events and I look forward to the travels I have ahead of me as we enter the "busy time" of the York Rite Year and seeing all of you at my official visits and the district educational visits coming up.

Your Fellow Soldier In Christ,

SK William Ghent, REGC

Grand Commander's Upcoming Travel Schedule

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

June 7 – Samuel HJ Womack Council No. 20 Knight Masons – Columbia, SC

June 9 – Newberry York Rite Bodies Official Visit

June 11 – Columbia York Rite Bodies Official Visit

June 13-15 – SE Department Conference – Atlanta, GA

June 17 – Fork York Rite Bodies Official Visit, Red Cross, and Malta

June 21 – 4th District Educational Visit – Richburg, SC

June 23 – Conway and Fork York Rite Bodies – Order of the Temple – Conway, SC

June 27 – Rainbow Girls Assembly Banquet – Columbia, SC

July 14 – Florence York Rite Bodies Official Visit

July 26 – AMD In-gathering – Camden, SC

August 7 – Gaffney York Rite Bodies Official Visit

August 11 – Greenville York Rite Bodies Official Visit and Order of the Temple

August 16 – 2nd District Educational Visit – Aiken, SC

August 18 – Clemson York Rite Bodies Official Visit

August 19 – Camden York Rite Bodies Official Visit

August 26 – Anderson York Rite Bodies Official Visit

Scheduled Work in the Orders

June 17 – Charleston York Rite Bodies – Order of the Temple

June 17 – Conway and Fork York Rite Bodies – Red Cross and Malta – Fork, SC

June 23 – Conway and Fork York Rite Bodies – Order of the Temple – Conway, SC

August 11 – Greenville York Rite Bodies – Red Cross and Malta



With the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Color Guard at our Grand Lodge Communication



Grand Commandery Color Guard presenting the colors at our Grand Lodge Communication



Presenting the KTCH to SK Ben Rice of Conway Commandery No 25



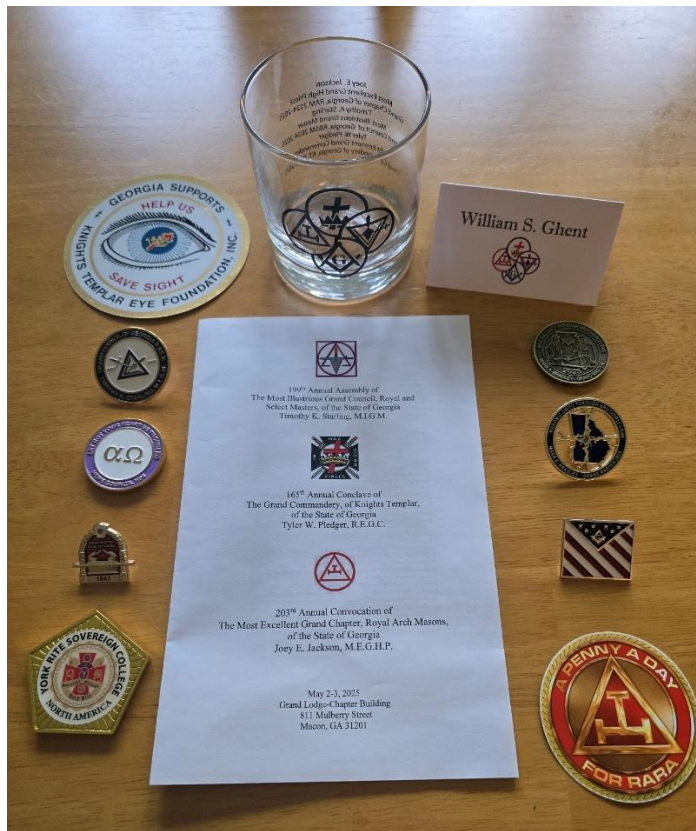
With SK Tyler Pledger, REPGC, at Georgia's GYR Sessions



SK Bill Summerville and I made a trip to the Georgia Masonic Home while we were in Macon



Honorary membership patents from the GYR Bodies of Georgia



Coins, pins and a “milk glass” from the GYR Bodies of Georgia



Grand Commander's Award from SK Dan Ricketts, REGC of Georgia



Coin and pin from MEC Patrick Carr, MEGHP of Kansas



Coins and pin from the GYR Sessions in Florida



With SK Paul Friend, REDC and SK Mike Leebove, Florida's newest KTCH recipient