



Grand Commander



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Grand Commander's Message

Greetings Sir Knights,

We have just completed our third out-of-state Grand Session, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the gracious hospitality shown to me throughout each visit. Last month, we also held our first two district meetings. I extend my appreciation to those host bodies for their warm welcomes and generous hospitality. I would like to especially thank the Waynesville bodies for the great honor of making me an honorary member, it truly means a lot to me.

It has now been three months since my installation into this role, and it has certainly been a busy start. Looking ahead, there is no sign of things slowing down, and I ask that we all remain engaged and active in the months to come. As we enter June, please make note of the following important dates. You may have heard some of these mentioned already, but I believe repetition helps ensure good attendance and awareness:

- ✦ June 5: Our 3rd District Meeting, hosted by the Durham bodies.
- ✦ June 9: The Grand Chapter Session of the North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star. I was honored with an invitation to attend. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, I will not be present, but I send my sincere greetings and regrets.
- ✦ June 13-14: The Southeastern Conference in Atlanta. This event is open to all Sir Knights and Companions, and I encourage your attendance.
- ✦ June 15: Father's Day. Wishing a very happy and, hopefully, relaxing day to all fathers.
- ✦ July 13-15: Our Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley. Visit ncgyorkrite.org for event details.

Looking further ahead, arrangements have been made for the Order of the Temple at Castle McCulloch, located at 3925 Kivett Dr., Jamestown, NC, scheduled for Nov-

ember 17. Candidates should arrive by 3:00 PM, with the Order beginning around 3:50 PM. Now is the time to start preparing. As you hold your local festivals, I urge you to complete the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta, and then bring your candidates to the Castle for the Order of the Temple. Special thanks to PGC Michael Daniels and Sir Knight Larry Aydllett for their hard work in coordinating this event. Due to venue size, we are limiting participation to 24 candidates and 48 spectators. If you plan to attend, please contact either Michael or Larry to help manage the headcount.

Let us also not forget our charitable work, a cornerstone of our mission. I encourage every Sir Knight to consider supporting our causes in any way possible. Here are a few ways to get involved:

- ✦ Knight Templar Eye Foundation: Contribute through the Grand Master's Club, Grand Commander's Club, individual donations, or our fundraiser. To maintain 100% participation, we must donate for each new Sir Knight raised and for each affiliate member joining from another body.
- ✦ Holy Land Pilgrimage: We hope that, with peace and prayer, we'll soon resume sending ministers to the Holy Land.
- ✦ Scholarship Program: Led by PGC Michael Daniels, this program supports our young adults. Donations are always appreciated, and if you know someone who would like to apply, please reach out to Michael directly.

As it is written: *"If the death of His Son restored our relationship with God while we were still His enemies, we are even more certain that, because of this restored relationship, the life of His Son will save us."* **(Romans 5:10)**

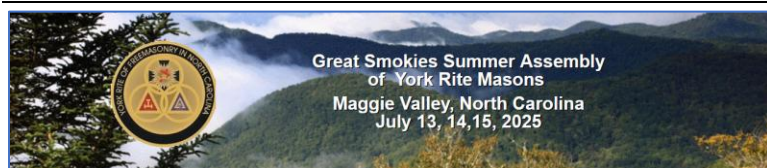
Fraternally yours,

Michael M. Hoff, Grand Commander

Grand York Rite District Meeting Calendar

Denton – The Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina has scheduled this year's District Meetings. Note that some meetings have been scheduled for Saturday mornings to better accommodate travel across the state. Sir Knights are encouraged to attend these meetings wherever possible. As meal information becomes available, RSVPs may be requested.

DISTRICT	HOST	DATE	TIME
District 4	Durham	Thursday, June 5, 2025	7:30 PM
District 5	Fayetteville	Saturday, July 19, 2025	9:00 AM
District 7	Charlotte	Tuesday, August 5, 2025	7:30 PM
District 6	Greensboro	Wednesday, August 6, 2025	7:30 PM
District 2	New Bern	Saturday, September 6, 2025	9:00 AM
District 1	Washington	Tuesday, September 23, 2025	7:30 PM
District 3	Goldsboro	Thursday, October 2, 2025	7:30 PM



88th Annual York Rite Great Smokies Summer Assembly Calendar of Events

Maggie Valley – The Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina announced the event schedule for the 88th Annual Summer Assembly in the Great Smoky Mountains.

This year's theme is, *"Together we can move water and mountains."*

Registration is open now, and the form can be downloaded from the Summer Assembly website at:

<https://mwsite.org/sites/ncgssa/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/2025/04/Great-Smokies-AssemblyFORM265.pdf>

Please complete this form and return it with your check no later than June 30, 2025.

Make checks payable to "SUMMER ASSEMBLY" and mail to:

Allen Surratt - Grand Secretary
6328 Surratt Country. Rd.,
Denton, NC 27239

Registration Fees:

- ✱ Summer Assembly (Men only): \$25
- ✱ Banquet / Show Tickets:
\$65 (Adults) \$25 (Children under 12)

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, July 12:

10:00AM: Putt-Putt Contest 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: Conferral of the Knight of York degree by Western Carolina YRC at Waynesville Lodge No. 259 located at 435 East Marshall Street, Waynesville, NC. Dress is business casual.

Evening (Time TBD): HART Theater (Footloose) on Saturday evening, July 12. Please contact Robin Hargett at robinhargett@gmail.com or (704) 242-0885 for ticket prices. Make checks payable to & mail payment to:

Robin Hargett
825 Holshouser Rd.
Rockwell, NC 28138

Sunday, July 13

Morning (Time TBD): Whitewater Rafting Trip. Contact Mark Alexander for details at (336) 984-9980 or cenobite13@hotmail.com

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

3:00-5:00PM: Registration and Cookout, at the Maggie Valley Community Pavilion located at 3987 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC

Monday, July 14

9:00AM: Summer Assembly convenes.

Venue:

Haywood Community College
Student Center Auditorium
185 Freeland Drive, Clyde, NC

Moderator:

Russell E. Bridges, PMIGM

Introductions:

David Cashion, PMIGM

Special Guest Speakers:

Robert Wayne Rideout, Jr., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M.

15 Minute Recess

Brian R. Dodson, PGM, Grand Lodge of Texas
Grand Sovereign, United Grand Imperial Council Red Cross of Constantine USA, Mexico, Philippines and its Jurisdictions

Reed B. Fanning, Jr., KYGCH-3 Quadrants

General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International

12:00PM: Lunch on your own

3:00PM: Masonic Marker Address by:

A. Gene Cobb, PGM, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M., SGIG for North Carolina & the II. Grand Chaplain, Supreme Grand Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, S. J.

7:00PM: Banquet Dinner & Entertainment at the Maggie Valley Club & Resort, 1819 Country Club Drive, Maggie Valley, NC.

Tuesday, July 15

9:00AM: Summer Assembly reconvenes.

Special Guest Speaker:

Douglas R. Knauer, Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America

Remarks by North Carolina Grand Presiding Officers

Aims and Concerns of:

General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Int'l General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the U.S.A.

Summation

12:00PM: Summer Assembly adjourns.

More information including forms, pamphlets, and recommendations for hotels can be found on the website at:

<https://mwsite.org/sites/ncgssa/>

NC Grand Commandery to Confer Order of the Temple at Castle McCullough

Jamestown – The Grand Commandery of North Carolina is sponsoring a special conferral of the Order of the Temple on Monday, November 17, starting at 3:50PM. This will be a special fundraiser event benefitting two of the Grand Commandery's charities: the [Holy Land Pilgrimage](#) and the [Knight Templar Education Foundation](#).

Commanderies conferring their Orders are encouraged to complete the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta, and then register any candidates interested in participating in this special conferral using the online form below prior to the deadline:

<https://forms.gle/bniLysCeJn8UZALr6>

The deadline for registration and sending payment is Friday, October 31, 2025. Please send payments and any RSVPs for banquet attendees to:

Grand Commandery of North Carolina
c/o 2025 Castle Degree
3902 David Street
Archdale, NC 27263

Parking for Candidates, Guests, and Families is available at the upper parking lot next to the Crystal Ballroom. Registration will be in the Crystal Ballroom.

Candidates are requested to arrive in time to check in and report to the Queen's Chamber under the Main Hall by 3:00PM for orientation. Families may gather in the Crystal Ballroom by 6:00PM and are requested to remain there until the completion of the degree.

The event will begin at 3:50PM with the opening of the Grand Commandery and reception of distinguished guests, followed by the conferral of the Order of the Temple. After the Order is complete, we will proceed to the Crystal Ballroom for the Public Knighting and banquet.

Registration and fees are available online for four options:

- ✦ Candidate + Public Knighting - \$100
- ✦ Commandery Guests for the Order - \$50
- ✦ Public Knighting Only - \$35
- ✦ Commandery Guest + Public Knighting - \$85

Space is limited for both candidates and guests and is open to members of Grand Commanderies recognized by the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

Important Reminders:

June 5: District 4 Meeting, starting at 7:30PM, at [University Lodge](#), 1211 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC.

June 7: Raleigh York Rite Commandery Orders, starting at 8:00AM, at [JJ Crowder Lodge](#), 11150 Durant Road, Raleigh, NC.

June 16: Wilkes #40 Red Cross degree, starting at 6:30PM (no meal), at [North Wilkesboro Lodge #407](#), 203 Temple Street, North Wilkesboro, NC.

June 30: Last day to register for the 88th Annual Summer Assembly in the Great Smoky Mountains.