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R.E. Grand Commander, 2025-2026

Greetings Sir Knights,

Over the past few months, I have spent many hours on the road and traveled many miles across the state and the Southeast. Every minute and every mile have been more than worth it because of the brotherly love and affection I have received from every Sir Knight I have encountered. I cannot express how proud I am to be the Grand Commander of such an outstanding Grand Commandery.

The rigors of my travel schedule have also impressed upon me the importance of perseverance and finding purpose in everything we choose to do. We are taught in scripture that persevering through adversity strengthens our walk with Christ and makes our path even more clear. James 1:12 says “Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” No matter how rough the way may become, the destination is worth the journey. If we know that our cause and intentions are good, we can rest assured that the outcome is worth the effort. Galatian 6:9 “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if do not give up.”

We have all worked diligently to place our Grand Commandery on the path to success but now is not the time to stop working. If we continue innovating and improving while building on what we know works, we can assure long term growth and continued success in our Grand York Rite Bodies. 2 Thessalonians 3:13 “And as for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.”

Your Fellow Soldier In Christ,

SK William Ghent, REGC

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

August 7 – Gaffney York Rite Bodies Official Visit

August 11 – Florence York Rite Bodies Official Visit

August 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Educational Visit – Aiken, SC

August 18 – Clemson York Rite Bodies Official Visit

August 26 – Anderson York Rite Bodies Official Visit

September 6 - Spartanburg York Rite Bodies – Red Cross, Malta and Order of the Temple

September 8 – Greenville York Rite Bodies Official Visit and Order of the Temple

September 13 – 1<sup>st</sup> District Educational Visit – Charleston, SC

September 15 – York York Rite Bodies Official Visit

September 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Educational Visit – Anderson, SC

September 23 – Laurens York Rite Bodies Official Visit

September 27 – Masonic Order of Athelstan – Columbia, SC

October 7 – Aiken York Rite Bodies Official Visit, Red Cross and Malta

October 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Educational Visit – Fork, SC

October 13 – Union York Rite Bodies Official Visit and Order of the Temple

October 21 – Charleston York Rite Bodies Official Visit

### **Scheduled Work in the Orders**

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

September 6 – Spartanburg York Rite Bodies – Red Cross, Malta and Order of the Temple

September 8 – Union York Rite Bodies - Red Cross and Malta

September 8 - Greenville York Rite Bodies – Order of the Temple

October 7 – Aiken York Rite Bodies - Red Cross and Malta

October 13 – Union York Rite Bodies - Order of the Temple



SE Department Conference Presentation



With SK David Kussman, MEGM – GEKT, USA



With SK Dan Ricketts, REGC – GCKT of Georgia A few pins and a coin from the GCKT of Ga



Official Visit, Red Cross and Malta at Delphi Commandery No. 8



Official Visit to Camden Commandery No. 12



Official Visit to Chester Commandery No. 7



Presenting SK Michael Dixon with the Meritorious Service Medal



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



Order of the Temple – Chester Commandery No. 7



Order of the Temple – Conway Commandery No. 25



SC Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly



SC AMD In-Gathering