



Grand Commander



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We Need Your Help!

Please send event news from your local commanderies to us for inclusion in the State News!

- ✘ Submissions must be received by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the upcoming edition. Submissions may be altered to fit.
- ✘ Please send emails with subject line “KT State News” to the editor.

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Grand Commander's Message

Greetings Sir Knights,

As we approach the month of July, one of the first things that likely comes to mind is the celebration of our nation's independence on the Fourth of July. While the Second Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, it was on July 4, 1776, that the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted, marking the birth of our great nation. Although the signing began on August 2, July 4th has become the symbolic day we commemorate this historic event. As you gather with family and friends to enjoy cookouts, parades, and fireworks, I encourage each of you to have fun, be safe, and reflect on the freedoms we cherish.

The month of June was certainly a busy one, filled with district meetings, state visitations, conferences, and various grand sessions. July, by contrast, offers a bit of a reprieve, though we do have two significant events on the calendar:

- ✘ Maggie Valley: July 13–15
- ✘ District Meeting in Fayetteville: July 19 at 9:00 AM

I also want to take a moment to celebrate a significant milestone. North Carolina achieved 100% sponsorship in 2024 – a goal we worked long and hard to accomplish. However, it has come to my attention that some commanderies may now have members who are not fully sponsored. This may be due to new Sir Knights being brought in at recent festivals or existing Sir Knights affiliating with other commanderies. Please remember: even if a Sir Knight is 100% sponsored in one commandery, if he affiliates with another, that commandery is also responsible for the \$30 sponsorship fee. Recorders, please review your rosters and ensure all required payments are submitted so we can maintain our 100% sponsorship status.

Now, for some exciting news: the official report of the 57th KTEF Campaign has been released, and you all should be proud of what we've achieved:

- ✘ NC ranked 13th overall with a total contribution of \$40,604.33
- ✘ NC Per-member active contribution ranked 33rd at \$21.53
- ✘ Total contributions ranked 16th with \$53,104.33

Furthermore, 13 commanderies will receive seals for achieving \$10 or more per member, and 6 commanderies will be awarded appreciation certificates for achieving \$5–\$9.99 per member. Excellent work, Sir Knights! Let's keep this momentum going.

Lastly, as I have mentioned in previous messages – and will continue to remind you – please mark your calendars for our Order of the Temple ceremony to be held on November 17 at Castle McCulloch. This promises to be a powerful and memorable event. If you plan to attend, please contact Sir Knight Larry Aydlett or PGC Michael Daniels.

Thank you, Sir Knights, for your continued dedication, service, and brotherhood.

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 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

Annual Salisbury York Rite Table Council To Be Held at the Winston Masonic Center

Salisbury –The Salisbury York Rite bodies are hosting their annual Table Council at the Winston-Salem Masonic Center, located at 4537 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem.

This is a charity event and will include items available for bid at an auction. SK Thomas Van Etten is coordinating RSVPs and provides the following details for anyone interested in attending:

- When:** August 04, 2025 starting at 6:00PM.
- Where:** Winston-Salem Masonic Center
- Audience:** York Rite Masons in good standing
- Meal:** Prime rib with sides (no cost; donations accepted)
- Dress code:** No dress code.
- How much:** Bring \$10-\$20 in quarters minimum for fun fines during dinner
- Additional info:** Bring folding money to purchase auction items at the Table Council.

If you are interested in attending, please notify Thomas Van Etten by July 28 at tavanetten@gmail.com.

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

July 13-15: 88th Annual Summer Assembly in the Great Smoky Mountains.

July 19: District 5 meeting, starting at 9:00AM at the Fayetteville Masonic Center in [Fayetteville](#)

July 28: Last day to register for Salisbury York Rite’s Annual Table Council.

August 4: Salisbury York Rite’s Annual Table Council, starting at 6:00PM at the [Winston-Salem Masonic Center](#).