

Grand Commander's report for Q3 of 2025

Greetings from the Grand Commandery. By now, the "dark" summer is winding down and we are getting ready to get Fall into full swing as we ready for the Annual Grand Sessions conference in Ocean City at the end of October. A lot of new information will be covered, and we hope to see you all there. Registration is now open, and VIPs will be receiving their notifications shortly. The block of rooms is first come first served, so call in early to ensure you get the posted rate. Find more information on our website, YORKRITEMARYLAND.ORG.

Also in planning for the near future is the Mid Atlantic Department Conference in late September, near the BWI airport in Baltimore. This is the project of our Department Commander John Austin, and he has a website for the Mid Atlantic that has that information. He will unveil that in more detail soon, but our webmasters will have a link to it from our site, to make it easy for you to find. Again, follow the link above for more information.

I wanted to also take a minute to thank the 7 York Rite brothers (and Sisters of the Beauseant) who attended the York Rite Leadership Conference in Philadelphia a few weeks ago. A lot of good information to add to the skill sets of our future leaders. We also had some time for fun and were

given a private Masonic tour of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia by none other than the REGC of PA, SK Josh Nay. A fine host and it was a wonder to see. If you haven't had a chance yet to visit, put it on your bucket list, as it is worth the travel. Anyone who is thinking about becoming a Commander or seeking a leadership position in the Commandery, should avail themselves of these courses. They are invaluable tools, and upon completion of the 3 principal courses, you get a coin (in 3 sections, one for each) as a commemorative memento.

We also sponsored a Youth Prospect trip to Adventure Park USA for the youth groups to bring their candidate prospects and have some fun en masse. It is a yearly event, so plan to join us again next June after school lets out for the next trip.

Lastly, as we approach Sessions, a few Commanderies have not yet gotten a chance to perform "exemplification" ritual performances for the GIG. We know that the Grand Encampment has lifted the requirement to actually exemplify, but this is our way of rewarding, and awarding, for good ritual work to keep folks in practice and routine. So far, the ones completed have shown marked improvement over last year, and if your Commandery has yet to complete it, please contact PGC / GIG Spicer to schedule a time to do so.

That's it for now, but there will be more to tell in the fourth quarter at my next update. Until then, show the world how a real and sincere Knight can act, and may God lift you up in spirit so that you can indeed make good men better and enjoy the journey that is Freemasonry and Maryland Templary.

Non Nobis, Domini, Non Nobis, Sed Nomini, Tuo
Da Gloriam

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of Maryland 2025-2026