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R.E. Grand Commander, 2025-2026

Greeting Sir Knights,

We are over half-way through our Templar year as we enter the fall months. The colorful leaves and the slowly falling temperatures remind us that change is inevitable and unavoidable. How we deal with those changes shows our character. We have the choice to recognize the coming changes and use them to fuel our progress by finding the positive aspects or we can resist change and cling only to what we know which often has a poor outcome over time. I encourage you to embrace change and use it to strengthen our fraternity and those around you while retaining as much as possible of our traditions and heritage. Most importantly, remember that, as long as our works are done to glorify God, He will guide us down the correct path. “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28

Recently, our fraternity has faced unprecedented loss. The untimely deaths of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, MWB Tommy Watson, and Most Illustrious Grand Master, MIC Rob Lacer, have left a chasm that we will struggle to bridge. However, I have faith that we will overcome the challenges that these losses have presented to us, and we will emerge stronger on the other side. Let us find solace in knowing that we will see our brothers again one day and do our best to carry on their memory. I would also encourage you to remember RWB Acy Flora and RIC Ricky Chubb in your prayers. Asking God to grant them the strength and wisdom to guide our fraternity under these unforeseen circumstances.

Your Fellow Soldier In Christ,

SK William S. Ghent, REGC

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

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

November 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> District Educational Visit – Lancaster, SC

November 11 – Sumter York Rite Bodies - Official Visit

November 17 – GCKT of NC Order of the Temple – Castle McCulloch, Jamestown, NC

December 6 – Samuel HJ Womack Council No. 20 Knight Masons – Columbia, SC

December 6 – Palmetto York Rite College No. 70 – Columbia, SC

December 7 – Camden Christmas Observance

December 12 – Georgetown Christmas Observance

December 13 – York York Rite Bodies – All Commandery Orders

December 13 – Lancaster Christmas Observance

December 15 – York Christmas Observance

December 18 – Richburg Christmas Observance

December 20 - Greenville Christmas Observance

December 21 - Columbia Christmas Observance

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

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

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

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FLORENCE OFFICIAL VISIT



2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL VISIT



ANDERSON AND CLEMSON JOINT OFFICIAL VISIT



SPARTANBURG RED CROSS, MALTA AND ORDER OF THE TEMPLE



COLOR GUARD AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT INSPIRATIONAL



GREENVILLE OFFICIAL VISIT



1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL VISIT



YORK OFFICIAL VISIT



3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL VISIT



LAURENS OFFICIAL VISIT