



Grand Commander



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Grand Commander's Message

Greetings Sir Knights,

We have made it to March, and with it the close of my term. This has been an exciting and busy year—one that will always stand as a highlight in my Masonic journey. Like many of you who have served in similar capacities, I could not have taken this journey without the steadfast love and support of my wife, Brianne. I am deeply grateful to her for the sacrifices she has made and for the encouragement she has given me throughout all the travel and time away.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my District Officers for accepting their appointments and serving faithfully. To my Grand Line, thank you for your unwavering support and outstanding work. Whenever you were called upon, you stepped up as true Sir Knights. I am especially grateful to our Grand Recorder for keeping me informed and on track throughout the year.

To the Sir Knights who traveled both in and out of state with me—your dedication and fellowship meant more than I can express. To Scott Brand for stepping in and taking on articles when needed, and to PGC Mike Daniels, PGC Stancil Wilson, and Sir Knight Larry Aydlett for organizing the Order of the Temple at Castle McCulloch—thank you for your hard work and commitment. To the Sir Knights across this great state who have shown me nothing but encouragement and support, you are the reason we experienced the success we did this year.

On March 16th, we will gather for our Grand Conclave in Clemmons, NC, to elect new officers and conduct the business at hand. I understand that meeting on Monday and Tuesday can make attendance difficult for some, but I sincerely hope many of you will be able to join us to participate and enjoy the fellowship.

Congratulations to the newly elected Grand Officers. I wish you a productive, prosperous, and fulfilling year ahead. As we enter March, let us also remember the many significant events in the history of the Knights Templar that occurred during this month. I encourage you to reflect upon that history and the legacy we are called to uphold.

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Psalm 115:1

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Mike Hoff

Grand Commander of North Carolina



Wilkes Council #35
The Grand Council
of Royal & Select Masters
In North Carolina

The Council cordially invites you to a
Poor Boy's Pinto Bean Dinner
fundraiser at North Wilkesboro
Masonic Lodge,
203 Temple St., North Wilkesboro,
at 5:00 pm on March 7, 2026.

Menu consists of pinto beans,
cornbread, coleslaw, toppings,
a drink and dessert.

Donations for the meal will be
accepted and given to the Cryptic
Masons Medical Research Fund.

Wilkes Commandery Confers Order of the Temple

Wilkes Commandery #40 conferred the Order of the Temple on Monday, February 16. With this impressive ceremony they welcomed a new Sir Knight to the Commandery: Wesley Joines of Traphill Lodge #483.

SK Mark Alexander, Grand Captain General and Chief Instructor-Inspector of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, presided in conferring the degree. He was assisted by an outstanding degree team including a guest appearance by SK Brett Huffman, current Grand Steward of the Grand Council of North Carolina (Royal & Select Masters), who served as Prelate.



The members and guests of Wilkes Commandery #40 welcome SK Wesley Joines (photo courtesy of Mark Alexander)

North Carolina York Rite Grand Conclave – Schedule of Events

Sunday 3/15

*Hospitality Suite: Rooms 115 + 117
Chapter Room: Board Room
Council Room: Board Room*

2:30 St. Thomas of Acon (Ivey)
5:00 Divine Service (Lexington/Monroe)
8:00-9:30 Reception & Ice Cream Social
(Salem/North)

***Divine Service and Ice Cream Social
are Open to All Attendees***

Monday 3/16

8:30 Opening by Grand Commandery
8:45 Reception of Dignitaries
9:00 Joint Session
9:45 Break
10:00 Grand Commandery
12:00 Lunch (North/Salem)
1:00 Grand Commandery (if necessary)
1:30 Grand Chapter
3:30 Grand Council
7:00 Annual Banquet
9:30 Old Saratoga Degree (Ivy)

***Tickets are Required for the
Luncheon and Banquet***

Tuesday 3/17

8:30 Grand Council Reconvenes
(if necessary)
10:00 Installation of Officers

***Officer Installation is Open
to All Attendees***