



Grand Commander



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Grand Commander's Message

Companions and Sir Knights,

Your Grand Commander had a very busy and interesting month of June representing North Carolina.

Congratulations to our Grand Commandery as the 58th KTEF Campaign came to a close. We finished 5th out of 60 Grand Jurisdictions with \$96,190.82. With the addition of wills and bequeaths we finished 4th with \$114,690.82. Many thanks to all who contributed, and to Michael Pritchard our state Chairman.

I had the pleasure of being at the Annual United Grand Imperial Council Red Cross of Constantine meeting in Dallas TX, June 4 - 6 as the Intendant General for NC. Also present from NC were D. Allen Surratt, Past Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, William L. Dill and Russell Rainear. Russell E. Bridges was appointed Grand Almoner, J. David Cashion was appointed Grand Chamberlain, and David C. Ladd was appointed Grand Standard Bearer.

I also attended the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in Durham NC on June 10 and was installed as the District Deputy Grand Patron of the 3rd District.

I attended the Southeastern York Rite Conference in Atlanta GA June 12 - 13. In the attached picture are Russell E. Bridges, Ray Casey Grand Commander, Edward Allen Deputy Grand Commander, Mark Alexander Grand

Generalissimo. Attending but not in the picture were D. Allen Surratt, Grand Recorder, and Brett Huffman, District Instructor 4th District. Your Grand Commandery was well represented.

Please remember Summer Assembly at Maggie Valley July 12 - 14; and the Salisbury Table Council August 3rd at the Winston Salem Masonic Center.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Commander this year. It is my Honor Sir Knights.

In your service,

Ray Casey

Grand Commander of North Carolina



*Russell Bridges, Ray Casey Jr.,
Edward Allen, and Mark Alexander (L to R)
at the Southeastern York Rite Conference*



Great Smokies Assembly at Maggie Valley

It's not too late to make plans to attend the York Rite Summer Assembly, scheduled for Saturday, July 11 through Tuesday, July 14. All the usual events are on tap again for this year, including the "Putt-Putt" contest, theater outing, whitewater rafting trip, Masonic Marker address, and of course the annual banquet; as well as formal visits from several York Rite dignitaries from other jurisdictions. Motel and registration information are available on the North Carolina Grand York Rite website:

<https://ncgyorkrite.org/>

NC Grand York Rite Representatives Attend Rainbow Grand Assembly

The Three Principal Grand York Rite officers were honored guests at the Rainbow Grand Assembly, on June 15 in Greensboro.

M.E. John M. Walston, Jr., Grand High Priest; M. I. William L. Dill, Grand Master; and R. E. Raymond B. Casey, Jr., Grand Commander, were introduced and afforded the opportunity to bring greetings.

Said REGC Casey of the event, "We enjoyed watching these young ladies as they presented beautiful floor work."



MEGHP John Walston, Jr.; MIGM Billy Dill; and REGC Ray Casey, Jr., being welcomed to the podium at Rainbow Grand Assembly

Carolina Delegation Establishes New Athelstan Court

Representatives of North Carolina Court No. 1, (formerly Court of North Carolina No. 73), Masonic Order of Athelstan, traveled to Birmingham on June 20 to establish a Court in the state of Alabama. Led by Grand Master Allen Surratt and Assistant Grand Master Russell Bridges, the North Carolina delegation provided a team for Instructing a new class of Alabama York Rite candidates. Most Worshipful brother Surratt then presided at the formal consecration ceremony for the new Court.

The new Athelstan body will be Alabama Court No. 20, representing the 20th Court in the newly-independent USA jurisdiction.



*Members of the NC Athelstan Delegation
(Not pictured: Allen Surratt,
Dave Cashion, Mike Pritchard)*

THE 204th ANNIVERSARY OF YORK RITE MASONRY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Great Smokies Assembly
of York Rite Masons
Maggie Valley, North Carolina
July 12, 13, 14, 2026

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