



Raleigh York Rite Bodies
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Greetings Companions and Sir Knights,

We are on the downhill side of the year and our York Rite Bodies have been busy thus far. In May we exalted and greeted 12 new Companions. In June, 10 of those were knighted and became Knights Templars. We have planned another Festival for October 2-3. On Friday night we will confer the first three Chapter Degrees and finish the work on Saturday. This is the format we used for several years. We welcome our newest members and are hoping for another good group in October.

On Friday, August 7 we will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree. In addition to our Companions exalted in May, we are also expecting several from across the state. Dinner will be at 6:30 and after opening the Council and doing only absolutely necessary business, we will confer the Degree.

On June 28 several of our members and guests participated in a fundraising event for our charities at the Aviator Brewery in Fuquay which was arranged by Companion Mel Minton. The event was enjoyed by all who attended and raised \$300.00 for our charities. We are also conducting a raffle for a \$500 Visa Gift Card with those proceeds going to our charities. The drawing will be held at our August 7 Stated Assembly. If you wish to buy or sell tickets let me know and I will email some to you.

Last week was Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley and a great time was had by the 14 Companions from Raleigh who attended. This was the largest contingent from Raleigh in several years. Plan now to attend Summer Assembly next year. It is always held beginning on the second Sunday in July and is open to all Masons and their families. It is a casual event and there are activities for all.

The final area meeting with the Presiding Grand Officers will be held at the Temple on Saturday, August 15 at 1 pm in the upstairs Lodge room. Plan to attend and help us make a good showing. There will also be a short School of Instruction following the meeting.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend our coming events. Friday, August 7- Stated meeting and Super Excellent Master Degree and \$500 Gift Card drawing; Saturday, September 26, 7 pm - Ladies Night at the Temple; Friday and Saturday, October 2-3 – Festival of Degrees and Orders; Saturday, October 10 – Homecoming at the Masonic Home for Children. We will march in the parade in uniform. Let's have another big turnout like last year. Saturday, December 12 – Christmas Observance at 5:30 pm. And don't forget our stated meetings on the first Friday of each month. Dinner is at 6:30 and all are welcome.

Fraternally,
Andy Adams, Secretary/Recorder