

RALEIGH YORK RITE BODIES

3rd Quarter Newsletter

Greetings Companions and Sir Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. So far, the year 2013 has been a busy one for the Raleigh York Rite Bodies. We began the year with eight of our nine Dais Officers along with several others attending the Annual Meeting of the Grand York Rite in New Bern. While there, we learned that one of the beneficiaries of our General Grand Chapter Charity, Autism Speaks was having an Autism Awareness Walk in Raleigh on April 13. We began to work and got together a team of Companions and family members. One of the participants was also a petitioner in our Spring Festival. We walked around the campus of the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh on a warm Saturday morning. We had shirts made to identify us and all who walked had a great time. Note the photos below. We are already looking forward to next year.



Next was our Spring Festival which was spread out over two different Saturdays. The Chapter and Council Degrees were conferred on May 11. In addition to eleven candidates from Raleigh, we also had one from Wilmington, one from Oxford, and six from Rocky Mount. The Commandery Orders were conferred on June 1. The Grand Commander was in attendance on that day and encouraged the new Sir Knights to become active in the Commandery. He also commended the Commandery on the conferral of the Orders. Many of the new Companions and Sir Knights have become active in our Bodies.

Our May 5 Stated Convocations was also the District Meeting for the 5th York Rite District hosting the Grand Presiding Officers. The Grand High Priest commended the Chapter officers on their proficiency in opening the Chapter in form. Again, a large crowd was in attendance and enjoyed a great meal.

At our August 2 Stated Council Assembly, we conferred the Super Excellent Master Degree on 51 candidates. Forty of those were from councils across the stated and eleven were members of our council in Raleigh. It was the largest class in memory according to several of our members. We are currently one of only three councils in the state which confers the degree.

Last year at the Triennial, a group of Sir Knights from North Carolina participated in the Drill Competition for the first time in many years. One of those was then Commander Ludwik Wodka who has now organized a Drill Team in Raleigh. We have been practicing and are planning to March in Oxford at the Homecoming Celebration on October 12.

We have also gained a new Endowed Life Member this year, Companion and Sir Knight David Scott Nyce. That brings our total to eight active endowed members. Thank you Companion Nyce for your commitment to the York Rite. We have also achieved 100% Life Sponsorship in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

On September 13, we held our annual Ladies Night as a joint affair with the Raleigh Scottish Rite Bodies. Members of the Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew prepared a steak dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Also in September, a resolution to increase dues to \$100.00 was passed. Dues notices will be mailed out in November and will be payable on January 1, 2014. Please check your current dues card to ensure that your dues are current. If you do not have a 2013 dues card, please remit your check to: Raleigh York Rite Bodies, PO Box 17212, Raleigh, NC 27619.

As always, we welcome you to our Stated Meetings on the first Friday of each month. Dinner is at 6:30 with the meeting beginning at 7:30. Our attendance is growing and we look forward to continued growth. Won't you join us?

Fraternally,
Andy Adams, Secretary/Recorder