

Raleigh York Rite Bodies

2013 Mid-year Newsletter

Companions and Sir Knights,

Greetings. As we approach the middle of the year, I am happy to report that the Raleigh York Rite Bodies are thriving. We just completed our 2013 conferral of the Degrees and Orders by exalting and greeting twelve new companions. One was unable to attend the conferral of the Commandery Orders and be knighted but I am working toward having him in Fayetteville in October to complete his journey. We welcome all who have come to be a part of us. At this time, we are only having one Festival per year and are breaking it up into two days for two reasons. First and foremost is to give the candidates more time to absorb the lessons conferred in the Degrees and Orders. It also gives the members of the degree teams more time to prepare and be better enabled to confer the Degrees and Orders in a more proficient manner. We did this last year and the candidates indicated that they preferred it to going through all of the work in one day or in an evening and the next day. Other Bodies have gone to spreading the work out over several days and are reporting similar results. We also did courtesy work for five candidates from the Rocky Mount Bodies and one from Oxford. We are happy to assist these Bodies and to help them grow. All who attended had favorable comments.

We also had the honor of having our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dale D. Davis in attendance who welcomed each new Sir Knight after he was knighted. Past Grand Commanders Fred Whitty and Donald Wooster were also in attendance and assisted in the conferral of the Order of the Temple.

Our April meeting served as the District Meeting for the 5th York Rite District with the Presiding Grand Officers in attendance. Raleigh Chapter No. 10, RAM opened the meeting in full form and received favorable comments from the Grand High Priest. The Council is currently presiding over the meetings through August. We look forward to having each of you present. We will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree at our August 2 Stated Assembly. If you have not had this degree, please come and be a part of the class. Just let me know if you will be a candidate so that I can prepare.

Lastly, please check your Dues Card to make sure that you have a 2013 card. If not, please remit your 2013 dues as soon as possible.

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Sincerely and fraternally,

Andy Adams

Secretary/Recorder