

**RALEIGH YORK RITE BODIES 2021 NEWSLETTER**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Stated Meetings – Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7:30pm  
– Dinner at 6:30**

Feb 6-8 – Masonic Week

March 21-23 – Grand York Rite in Clemmons

April 4 – Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, VA

May 1 – Honors Day - Fayetteville

May 8 – Chapter and Council Degree Festival

June 5 – Commandery Festival

July 11-13 – Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley

TBD – Super Excellent Master Degree

September 24-25 – Grand Lodge in Winston Salem

December 11 – Christmas Observance and Installation of  
Officers at 5:30 pm

Ladies Night – To Be Determined

Dates for Knight Masons and York Rite College: TBD

**Note: All dates subject to Covid-19 restrictions**

**KNIGHTS OF YORK CROSS OF HONOR**

William A. Adams, KYGCH

J. Luigi Ammons, KYGCH, Past Prior

Donald A. Bennett, KYGCH

John W. Davis III, KYGCH

Ronald N. Sandritter, KYGCH

Donald B. Street, KYGCH

James Dority, KYCH

Jack J. Scott, KYCH

Melver C. Minton III, KYCH

William C. Chriscoe, KYCH

C. Glenn Todd Jr. KYCH

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS NOW SERVING**

R. David Wicker – Grand Master of Masons in NC

Robert W. Rideout – Sr. Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge

**GRAND YORK RITE OFFICERS NOW SERVING**

P.M.I.G.M. John W. Davis III, Grand Treasurer

Ludwik J. Wodka – Deputy Grand Commander, Grand  
Commandery

William C. Chriscoe – Grand King, Grand Chapter

Craig Horton - Grand Prin. Con. of Work, Grand Council

William T. Highsmith Jr. – Grand Capt. of the Host, Grand  
Chapter

**RALEIGH CHAPTER #10 R.A.M.**

Excellent High Priest

King

Scribe

Captain of the Host

Principal Sojourner

**2020 OFFICERS**

Rodney K. Grindle

Matt Kohut

J. David Oates IV

Calvin Rogers

Charles Talley II

Royal Arch Captain

Master 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil

Master 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil

Master 1<sup>st</sup> Veil

Sentinel

Chaplain

Alan Mabry

Dennis Keith

James Izzell

Kevin (Mac) McKenzie

Aaron Byrd

Rodney Butler

**ENOCH COUNCIL #5 R. & S.M.**

Illustrious Master

Deputy Master

Principal Conductor of Work

Captain of the Guard

Conductor of Council

Steward

Sentinel

Chaplain

Calvin Rogers

Aaron Byrd

Matt Parker

Vance Harrell

Alan Mabry

Kevin (Mac) McKenzie

Don Butto

Rodney K. Grindle

**RALEIGH COMMANDERY #4 K.T.**

Eminent Commander

Generalissimo

Captain General

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Prelate

Standard Bearer

Sword Bearer

Warder

Sentinel

Francesco Scrivano

Calvin Rogers

Charles Talley II

Matt Parker

Alan Mabry

James Izzell

Kevin (Mac) McKenzie

Aaron Byrd

Dennis Keith

Vance Harrell

**PAST GRAND OFFICERS**

William A. Adams, P.G.H.P.

Donald A. Bennett, P.M.I.G.M.

Donald B. Street, P.G.H.P.

Ronald N. Sandritter, P.G.H.P.

William B. Brunk, P.G.M, P.G.C.

J. Luigi Ammons, P.M.I.G.M.

Gene T. Jernigan, P.G.M.

John W. Davis III, P.M.I.G.M.

**DISTRICT OFFICERS NOW SERVING**

William A. Adams, District High Priest – District 5

Ludwik Wodka, District Instructor – District 4

Terry Washam, District Commander – District 5

William T. Highsmith, District Capitular Lecturer – Dist. 5

**SECRETARY/RECORDER**

**TREASURER**

**SECRETARY EMERITUS**

William C. Chriscoe

Melver C. Minton III

Ronald N. Sandritter

**DEGREE MASTERS**

CHAPTER

COUNCIL

COMMANDERY

STAGE CREW

William C. Chriscoe

Calvin Rogers

Ludwik J. Wodka

David Weaver

## **CERTIFIED LECTURTERS**

J. Luigi Ammons - Cryptic

Ludwik J. Wodka – Capitular, Cryptic, Chivalric

William A. Adams – Capitular, Cryptic, Chivalric

William T. Highsmith Jr. – Capitular

## **TRUSTEES**

Commandery 2021

Donald B. Street

Chapter 2022

Jack J. Scott

Council 2023

J. Luigi Ammons

## **Finance Committee**

Mel Minton, Chairman

### **From the Secretary/Recorder:**

The year 2020 has indeed been a strange one. Because of the global corona virus pandemic, many of our Masonic events were cancelled beginning with the Grand York Rite Session in March. Because of this, our Grand Officers remained in place for another year. If we are able to have our Grand Session in March, our members who are serving in the Grand York Rite will in all likelihood be advanced.

In September, Companion and Sir Knight David Wicker was elected Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina and was installed as Grand Master in December. In addition, Companion and Sir Knight Robert Rideout was advanced to the position of Sr. Grand Deacon. We congratulate both of the Sir Knights.

Companion and Sir Knight David Oates was elected Chief Rabban of Amran Shrine Temple. He joins the four members of our Bodies who are serving in leadership positions in the Grand York Rite and Companion John W. Davis III who is serving as Grand Treasurer.

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our Festival of the Degrees and Orders in 2020. Let's all get to our Lodges and recruit new Master Masons to search for further Masonic light in the York Rite in 2021. Think what we could do if we each recruited one new member for our Bodies.

Due to the increased cost of maintaining the Raleigh Masonic Temple, we made the decision to vacate the temple and move to another location. The Temple was subsequently sold. Our new home is at the Wake County Shrine Club, 6015 Lead Mine Road in Raleigh. Due to the move, we were also forced to change our meeting date. We now meet at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. When that date falls on a holiday, (New Year's Day or July 4), the meeting is moved to the second Wednesday. Currently by order of the Grand Master of Grand Encampment, the Commandery is unable to meet in person. Henceforth, our meetings have been held on

the electronic Zoom platform. Though we are unable to open according to the Ritual, we are able to communicate with our membership and conduct business. When we are able to meet in person, we will not be able to serve meals until cleared to do so by the Grand Lodge. Due and timely notice will be given when we are able to meet in person.

In 2020, we were again able to make a contribution to the Holy Land Pilgrimage and to each of our three charities. Hopefully, we can do even better in 2021.

Our 2020 Christmas Observance was held on the Zoom platform.

Dues notices for 2021 have been sent and dues are coming in. Check your Dues Card and if it is not for 2021, please try to remit your dues as soon as possible.

Our Secretary/Recorder has asked me to continue to publish the newsletter. As in the past, I will try to get a newsletter out on a quarterly basis. Our website is updated as needed by Sir Knight Don Butto. Check it regularly to keep informed. Website is: [raleighyorkrite.org](http://raleighyorkrite.org). If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 919-801-7654 or by email at [andy.adams62@gmail.com](mailto:andy.adams62@gmail.com).

You can reach our Secretary/Recorder, Will Chriscoe at 919-803-9254 or at [wchriscoe93@gmail.com](mailto:wchriscoe93@gmail.com)

Fraternally,

Andy Adams