

The Quadrant



Your Guide to New Jersey's York Rite

January, 2017

Dear Companions and Sir Knights:

A new year! The imagery of a new year brings so much to mind: new ideas to be refined and focused; new relationships to be built and expanded; new plans to be worked out.

So it is with the Rough Ashlar. It is raised in a rude and imperfect state. By applying all the working tools of our Gentle Craft, the rough edges are made true, the corners and sides are made square, and the faces made smooth and level. It becomes good work, true work, square work.

It is our responsibility to take good masons and make them better masons. More enlightened, more enthusiastic, and better prepared. It is in the Council degrees that we complete the circle of perfection. We complete the Perfect Ashlar.

But our work, whether it is a new year, a new degree, a new program, is never completed until the roll of the Companions has been called. The work of the Grand Council has been in motion for over 150 years, and will mercifully continue on for several centuries.

I'd like to thank the councils, and the companions who have made this a successful year. It is thanks to you that we moved forward in the manner that we did.

Our scripture reading for this month comes from 1 Corinthians 12:14•

"For the body is not one member, but many."

In essence, this is the simplest and clearest statement about teamwork in the Bible. The people that are the whole of humanity are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one; we are strongest working together in unity. Teamwork is the key to living life in harmony, so that we can do God's will.

So mote it be.



Fraternally,
Mark E. Megee
Most Illustrious Grand Master 2016



Richard A. Hammill
Right Eminent Grand Commander 2016



Douglas R. Policastro
Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2016

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reservations for any dinner should be made with the contact person for that dinner.

OV = Official Visit PO = Personal Visit GO = Grand HP/M/C Only IO = Information Only

Date	Event	Who	Place	Time	Dinner	Cost	Contact
01/16	OV	Trinity, 17 KT	Westfield	7:30PM	6:30PM		William Krzewick, III

Always inform the local body that you will be attending, especially if a dinner is provided.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Official Visit Rescheduled

Due to ill health, S.K. Richard A. Hammill has rescheduled his Official Visit to Trinity Commandery, his Home Commandery. It is now scheduled for Monday, January 16th. A dinner will precede the OV, beginning at 6:30PM. It is imperative that all elected and appointed members of the Grand Staff attend this event.

Please contact S.L. Krzewick (wkrzewick@yahoo.com) to make your dinner reservations.

Save the Date

The Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter, the Annual Assembly of our Grand Council, and the Annual Conclave of our Grand Commandery will be held on March 3-5, 2017.

We will NOT be at the Holiday Inn this year. The Annual Sessions will be held at the Crowne Plaza Somerset-Bridgewater, 101 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ. This hotel is on the other side of the street from the Holiday Inn!

Present and Past Commanders who wish to join the Order of Knights Preceptor should contact S.K. Scott Gothe, VEDGC, at scottgothe@gmail.com for a petition; please note that membership is by unanimous secret ballot.

Those Companions and Sir Knights who wish to attend the Leadership Seminar “So you think you’re ready for the East” should make a reservation with S.K. John D. Barnes, at johnmaple196@optonline.net. This seminar is open to all York Rite Masons, but preference will be given to Dais Officers if necessary.

Name the Knight

Yes, the picture was of me, when as I served as Grand Warder for S.K. William Schoen, Jr. in 1995. SK Michael Canavan recognized me, and the jewel of office, but he was too kind in guessing the year.

The Zerubbabel Society

The Zerubbabel Society was begun under M. E. Companion John M. Zioance, the Grand High Priest for 2012. He envisioned the Society as a way for the companions of New Jersey to help support the charities we as Masons are pledged to help, aid, and assist. Members of the Society pledge to donate up to \$1,000.00 over no less than a 10 year period. Any Companion may join the Society by simply completing an Application for Membership; these Applications are available on the Grand Chapter's website under Chapter Documents. The completed Application, along with a check for at least \$100.00, should be mailed to R. E. Comp. Daniel Schultz, the Grand Almoner. His contact information is on the Application.

Every donor will receive a lapel pin and a certificate after completing specific levels of donation: a red pin and certificate at the \$100.00 level; a silver pin and certificate at the \$500.00 level. Those who complete their \$1,000.00 pledge receive a gold pin and certificate.

25% of all contributions go directly to Royal Arch Research Assistance, 25% go to the charity of choice of the Grand High Priest, a small percentage goes to pay any administrative expenses, and the balance is invested to pay any future expenses of the Society. The Companions who administer the funds of the Society are NOT compensated for their time or efforts in supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

For the current Capitular Year, the Grand High Priest has selected the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

DON'T HESITATE – DONATION!

The Knights of the York Cross of Honor

The Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH) is an honor group for York Rite Masons who are dedicated to serving the Craft as a labor of love. The Order was formed in Monroe NC on March 13, 1930. On June 6, 1930 the Grand Convent General of the United States of America was formed to administer the Order.

Membership in the Order cannot be applied for. In order to be considered for membership, a proposed candidate must have served as Worshipful Master, as High Priest, as Thrice Illustrious Master, AND as Commander. Yet no individual can aspire to membership in the KYCH: when he has done the required work, and done it well, he will be invited to membership. Those who labor will be rewarded by being invited.

After a Mason has fulfilled the requirements of membership, his name may be proposed for membership by a current member of the Order. When a Priory receives a proposal, such proposal must be held over until the next stated meeting, when it is voted on by secret ballot, which must be unanimous. For this reason, a proposed candidate is not told that his name has been proposed until he receives an invitation to join the Priory. If this rule is followed, no one that is proposed and rejected should ever know that he was proposed and rejected, thereby saving much embarrassment to everyone.

Those members of the Order who have ever served in a "Grand East" are awarded a quadrant of the appropriate color for their membership jewel.

Membership in this order can best be explained by a closing statement of Most Eminent Knight Donald E. Friend, Grand Master General, at his Convent General Session in 1995 , "As a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, you are a proven servant of the Masonic Fraternity, your inspiration has come from your Past, your duty is in the present, and your Hope is in the Future, I ask you always to remember—In all you do, in all you say, in all of your actions, take a good look at yourself, you are someone's impression of Freemasonry ".

(Based on this invitational body's website)