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Phoenix Rises from the Ashes once again!

Brethren, once again 2015 marks a year of modernization. Phoenix Chapter has made great strides in our efforts to bring our Lodge's communication into 'modern times'. Modernization is absolutely necessary if we are to stay relevant and attract new members. Society has changed over the last decade: cell phones, Facebook & the Internet have all challenged traditional forms of communication. Our younger members are technologically savvy and they rely on these new forms of communication. We must adapt, look forward and demonstrate how the York Rite is leading the way— as we always have. We are excited to list the Internet addresses of our newly formed cyber presence. Please go to these sites and see the effort our Brothers have put forth!

www.fayettevilleyorkrite.org

www.signetofzerubbabel.com

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"Unless we are better husbands, fathers, sons and Brothers, we aren't following the teachings or living the obligations of Freemasonry. From the home, life broadens into relationships of the community in which we live. We should expect to find Masons in the forefront of every worthwhile community activity".

-Author Unknown



National Sojourners & Doc Ferguson re-Knighting.

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Palestine # 20, Public Knighting Ceremony

Palestine Public Knighting Ceremony and Dinner

Palestine Commandery #20, under the command of Sir Knight Robert Ferguson, held its annual flag retirement ceremony on October 22, 2015. This is a beautiful and solemn event that honors our country and our fallen brothers who paid the ultimate price for our safety. The event was a huge success. A special thanks to the National Sojourners for their help in the special event.

The public Knighting ceremony was held immediately after the flag retirement ceremony. Several of our distinguished Knights were re-Knighted Commander Ferguson, including Tom Rogers, Mike Gould, Mike Klack, Dale Schneider, Pete Paoini and Bill Perham ... With a special re-Knighting of Sir Knight Commander Robert Ferguson by PGC Sir Knight Don Wooster. A steak dinner with all the amenities was served after the ceremony for family, friends and Sir Knights. A special thanks to the Eastern Star who provided this wonderful meal and presentation.

"Ceremonial Burning" Facts:

Fire Preparation:

It is important that the fire be sizable -- preferably having burnt down to a bed of red hot coals to avoid bits of the flag being carried off by a roaring fire -- yet be of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.

Flag Preparation:

The color guard assigned to the flag opens up the tri-corner fold and then refolds the flag in a coffin-shaped rectangle.

When all is ready:

1. Assemble around the fire. The leader calls the group to attention.
2. The color guard comes forward and places the flag on the fire.
3. All briskly salute.
4. After the salute, but while still at attention, the leader should conduct a respectful memorial service as the flag burns. National Flag Foundation recommends singing "God Bless America" followed by an inspiring message of the flag's meaning followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" and then silence.
5. When the flag is basically consumed, those assembled, with the exception of the leader and the color guard, should be dismissed single file and depart in silence.
6. The leader and the color guard remain until the flag is completely consumed. The fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.

Phoenix Chapter #2 200th Anniversary

A Celebratory Dinner was held on September 1, 2015 at Bonefish Grill .

To honor of Phoenix Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons, originally chartered by the Grand Chapter of America September 1, 1815 and later chartered by The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of The State of North Carolina July 1, 1823. Education & research was presented by Mike Gould & James Vance.

"Proceedings of a Convention for the Formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, holden at Fayetteville, June 21, 1822",

Annual Convocation Dates: 1823,1824,1825,1826,1827,1828 and 1829.

"We have been honored and blessed that our forefathers were such innovative thinkers. With their ingenuity and diligence they provided for the future of the York Rite".

Michael Gould, Secretary Phoenix Chapter # 2



National Sojourners: Don, Herb & John

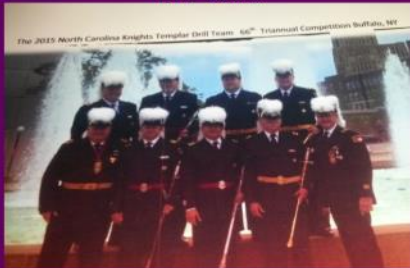
We Need Your Help!

Volunteer for the Spring Festival

Sir Knights, our Spring 2016 Festival is coming up soon. Your help is desperately needed. No event is more important to our Lodge's future or the future of our New Knights than the York Festival. The Light and fellowship they receive can be life changing. It is our duty as Knights to impart this knowledge and extend our hand of fellowship to our Brothers.

North Carolina Drill Team

Competing in Buffalo, NY. See Don Wooster or James Britt for Info. This is a fantastic opportunity to join the Drill Team.



Sir Knights, extend your hand to Brothers who want more Light!... We have new brochures and business cards to help explain the York Rite. We encourage you to use these materials and extend your hand in fellowship. See Mike Gould.



Interviews : Donald Wooster, Mike Klack & Bill Neely at www.signetofzerubbabel.com

The Living Legends Project

In this segment, Signet of Zerubbabel Council No. 36 A.M.D., would like to emphasize the importance of preserving our Masonic history. We sincerely hope our efforts will help preserve this "light", which are paramount to the success of our future generations. Today, we have the ability to preserve our most valued historical asset. Our "Living Legends" are those Brothers whose strength, wisdom and character have endured the tortures of time and weathered the countless storms of life. With their plight in mind, Signet of Zerubbabel is honored to present "[The Living Legends Project](#)". Within this portion of our Web Site we will use video to record and preserve interviews with our esteemed members. Our hopes and aspirations are simply that their "light", wisdom and character will forever be remembered in their own voices and in their own words.

York Rite members contact us to schedule your Interview. Interviews are recorded at the Masonic Center or we can come to your residence.

Topics are friendly and are provided in advance. See existing interviews at www.signetofzerubbabel.com

Future Events and Dates:

The Knight Templar Christmas Observance.



December 10, 2015. Fayetteville Masonic Center—Observance @ 7:00p.m. food, fellowship and entertainment will follow.

York Rite Spring Festival.



February 20, 2016—York Rite— Royal Arch Chapter degrees.



March 19, 2016—York Rite— Council of Royal and Select Masters degrees.



April 9, 2016

Knight Templar Commandery.

Volunteers are needed for Spring Festival. Speaking & non-speaking parts are available. Help with set design, setup, lunch setup, music & sound is needed.

***Sir Knights, it is very important to show support for our New Knights. They need and deserve an audience—it is very important! Please plan to attend!

Offer a helping hand to our older Brothers, ask if they need a ride to and from the Festival.

Brothers, if you need transportation to and from the spring festival please contact us.

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Volunteer to help with the spring festival call Mike Gould 910-978-7878 or email us : james@signetofzerubbabel.com

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The young men of DeMolay need help!

Interested in helping these young men?



Call us. 910-978-7878

Have a Great Thanksgiving!

And

Merry Christmas to All!

Those wishing to receive this news letter via email., please email me and I will add you to the list. james@signetofzerubbabel.com