

Companions,

We are approaching the close of this Capitular Year. Elections for your new officers will be on 14 September at our annual assembly. Military deployments, work related conflicts and even death have decimated our line of officers and we thank all who have stepped up to fill the breach. Most recently we have been informed that Companions Rex Phares and John Steinberger passed away in July.

Work has been ongoing for a while to present an officer list for your ballot consideration in September. We have a number of candidates who are very interested in becoming involved after receiving their degrees, but it is likely that none will be a full member till late September (after the elections). They and the other new Companions joining in the last few years are the near future of Arlington Royal Arch. It is up to the older members to give the new Companions a solid footing in Royal Arch Masonry.

At our August convocation we will have an exchange of questions and answers on ritual and symbols of Royal Arch. It will be led by John Bullach, PHP and recently appointed as Associate Lecturer for the 1st Capitular District. John and Dianne Bullach will provide the supper.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bernard Rice, HP
Arlington RAC No 35

CAPITULAR BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

John P. Funkhouser	1949
William T. Guise	1950
Harry R. Applegate	1962
Oral L. Hash	1973
Arthur R. Wise Jr.	1981
James R. Marshall II	1987
Paul M. Bessel	1988
Dennis D. Kirk	1990
W. Ray Wiseman Jr.	1990
Richard E. Robinson	1995
Andrew B. Petruzzello	2010
Duncan D. Templeton	2010

SEPTEMBER

Stewart Miner	1959
Richard A. Gore	1970
Sameul W. Poor'r III	2005
Carl E. Weaver	2008

Happy Birthday, Companions!

Living Fifty Year Members

John P. Funkhouser	1949
Elgin B. Kirby	1950
William T. Guise	1950
James W. Brown, Jr.	1951
Henry J. Bausili	1952
Wilbert N. Kahoun	1954
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955
James W. Smith	1956
Robert F. Brown	1958
Roland R. Russell	1958
Charles H. Rowell	1958
Stewart W. Miner	1959
Blaine M. Williams	1960
Howard E. Pirkey	1961

Trestle board

Remember, we serve refreshments at 6:30 before every convocation.
10 August Stated.
14 September. **Elections.**
24 September. One day, multi-state degree conferral in Winchester. Contact the Editor for details.

OF CONCERN

Companions, as I am sure you have heard, the person behind the bombing and shooting in Norway in July was a member of the Grand Lodge of Norway. He has been expelled. He claimed to be a member of an organization called the "New Knights Templar". These facts have given Freemasonry another undeserved condemnation, and we all have been tarred by his action. I expect the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of North America will be making official announcements and guidance soon. Here are my thoughts. This person (he doesn't even deserve to be called a "man") is not a Mason even though he may have had a dues card. Condemning the fraternity due to his actions is like condemning the Christian religion based on abhorrent actions by ministers and priests. You likely will be questioned about this event and Masonry in general so be prepared to answer.

John Bullach, PHP

Masonic web sites

www.yorkrite.org

links to lodges, chapters, councils
commanderies and all other York Rite bodies
in the USA.

<http://vamasons.org>

<http://www.calodges.org/scri/>

www.freemasonstore.com

VaYorkRite.org

Look here for our trestleboard.

Other District 1 Chapters

Mount Vernon No. 14

Meets 1st Tuesday monthly at 7:30
At G W National Memorial
Alexandria, North Room.

Annandale No. 77

Meets third Wednesday monthly at 7:30
Elmer Timberman Lodge
6911 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA