

Companions and Sir Knights:

The next scheduled Convocation/Assembly/Conclave of Thomas Chapter, Harris Council, and Jerusalem Commandery will be **Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 P.M.**

*From the Recorder:*

And an insane month it's been for me! That's the reason this is as late as it is; my move and continuing family issues, which got worse, made a mess of my January. All I can say is after 2009 and this last month, I really do have nowhere to go but up!

There are only a few small items I need to mention.

**A. The High Priest requests all officers be present with rituals to practice opening for the Mark Master Mason Degree in full form.**

**B. The combined inspection for Worcester County and Jerusalem Commanderies will be March 17, 2009. Rehearsal dates are available from Rt. Em. Dick Sleeper. If you can help, please do! As a reminder, we need to have fifteen Sir Knights present *in uniform* for the Inspection to count for us. If you can go, even to just hold down a bench, please do! Transportation can be arranged. As a reminder, dinner is served, usually at no charge, and a ladies' program will be offered during the closed portion of the inspection.**

**C. Dues. If you haven't yet, please send your dues check into the respective bodies you belong to. As a reminder-**

**Thomas Chapter: \$45.00**

**Harris Council: \$22.00**

**Jerusalem Commandery: \$52.00**

**Please! Separate Checks for each body! Doing otherwise creates accounting problems and upsets the treasurers! Thank you!**

Of course, if you'll having problems with payments, please let me know. We'll be happy to work with you. If you have severe issues, a remit can be made. All you have to do is tell us what's going on.

As a final note, Grand Chapter will be increasing its dues from \$10/year to \$20/year, effective Sept. 1, 2010. If you'd like to purchase a life membership, I have the tables of cost available. Let me know.

*From the Illustrious Master:*

Companions,

The officers and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are starting the New Year in good spirits and good health. In April, we will have a Fraternal Visit from VI Richard MacDonald, Grand Steward, as he begins conducting these visits to all of the Councils in our 5<sup>th</sup> Arch. We look forward to his visit and hope that you can mark it on your calendar to come and join us for this evening. While we are not working any candidates at the moment, we do have prospects and hope to have their applications in the next month or so.

There is a lot of activity in the York Rite in Fitchburg and across the district, so please come and join our meetings and enjoy the fellowship of your Companions.

Looking forward to greeting you in Council in February.

William F. Galloway, IM

As previously stated, this notice will be fairly short. In fact, I can't think of anything else to say other than I hope to see you at a meeting sometime soon!

Fraternally,

Charlie