



Issue #2 - April 2026

## Thumb York Rite

Caro Royal Arch Chapter #96

Thumb Council #90 | St. George Commandery #52

Mount Moriah #226 | Hubbard Winsor #420

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## Recent News

Remember! **Caro Chapter #96, Thumb Council #90** and **St. George Commandery #52** are now meeting on the **3rd Thursday** of the month starting at **6:30pm**.

Mount Moriah Regular Communication - **May 6th @ 7:30pm**

Hubbard Winsor Regular Communication - **May 18th @ 7:30pm**

Caro Chapter, Thumb Council and St. George - **May 21st @ 6:30pm**

**[All Sir Knights PLEASE wear your Class A uniform!]**

# Installations All Around

It's that time of year again and Officer Installations are happening around the Thumb York Rite. Read further for more information.

## Helping Hands

Members of the Thumb York Rite got together for the first of the annual Adopt-a-Highway roadside pickups on Saturday, April 11th. A total of 11 bags of trash were gathered along our adopted stretch of M-81. The weather cooperated nicely and we were able to walk in the sunshine. Thank you all that helped along with a special thanks to WB Roger Morris PM PHP for being our organizer and always making sure the donuts are fresh and the safety gear is snazzy.



## Announcements

### **New Royal Arch Mason!**

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to our newest member of Caro Chapter #69 - **Charlie Hass** for achieving all of his Capitular Degrees! He already has made a huge impression on the Chapter and we can't wait to see him grow throughout the year.

**Don't Be "Alarmed"**- Mount Moriah has recently done some safety and security updates around the Lodge. Fresh batteries in the Emergency lights and a new security system will help deter any pesky 'cowans' from breaking in. No worries - No cameras were installed in the Lodge room so our secrets are still safe. This change from the CMBA was part of our ongoing Lodge update and revitalization efforts. More changes are coming soon!

# The Commandery Column

The Knights Templar Education Foundation has awarded a scholarship to a Caro local Brother and St. George Commandery has been asked to make the presentation. After coordinating with the recipient, we will host the presentation (and a grip and grin photo op) at our May 21st Regular Communication. The plan is to **meet at 6:30pm**, present the check, take a picture, and enjoy some light refreshments with the recipient before starting our meetings. To this end we are asking all Sir Knights to wear their Class A uniforms to put on a good showing of Chivalric Masonry. All York Rite members are invited to participate, and we will get into our regular meetings right after.

## New St. George Officer Lineup

**Eminent Commander** – Jack Ruby, PC  
**Generalissimo** – Kevin Wightman, PC  
**Captain General** – Eugene Davison, PC  
**Senior Warden** – Steven Dennis  
**Junior Warden** – Daniel Albin  
**Prelate** – John Champagne, PC  
**Recorder** – Eric Read, PC  
**Sword Bearer** – Jason McConnachie  
**Standard Bearer** – Emil Abend  
**Warder** – Gary Stambaugh  
**Sentinel** – Rob Snider, PC

## Drills: Not Just for Dentists

Let's get together and practice cuts and drills before this year's Annual Inspection. As St. George Commandery grows in numbers it's important to remember that we must help one another with drills, cuts and all manner of support. We are looking for a Sir Knight to take the lead and put together a drill day at the Lodge soon. If you have any interest in sharing your knowledge, reach out to us and we will make it happen! Food can be provided and a fun day to be had by all. Let us know!

# Chapter Chatter

With the addition of Charlie Hass as our newest Royal Arch Mason AND a fresh petition on file, the Caro Chapter has been humming right along. Little by little we refine our rituals, practice our signs and fine tune our openings and closings. The progress is starting to show and the excitement is palpable. We are also starting to practice our Mark Master Degree work. This would be a great opportunity for some Companions to start attending Chapter again.

## New Chapter Officers

**High Priest** – Eric Read

**King** – Daniel Albin

**Scribe** – Steven Dennis

**Treasurer** – Roger Morris, PHP

**Captain of the Host** – Jack Ruby, PHP

**Principal Sojourner** – Emil Abend

**Royal Arch Captain** – John Smith, PHP

**Chaplain** – Eugene Davison

**Sentinel** – Kevin Wightman

**Master of the 3rd Veil** – J. Champagne

**Master of the 2nd Veil** – Gary Stambaugh

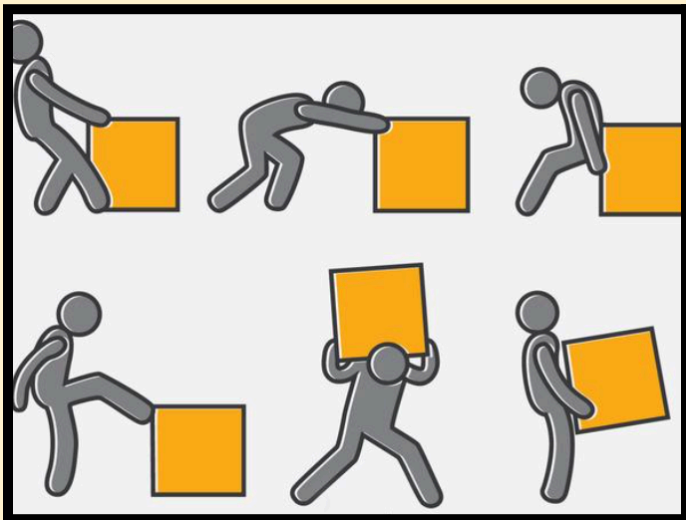
**Master of the 1st Veil** – Charlie Hass





## Battle Creek Degree Festival

On March 21st we were delighted to take down our petitioner Charlie Hass to receive his Capitular Masonry degrees. In all, 10 new Royal Arch Masons were exalted! Food was provided by the local chapter and the weather was beautiful for the drive. Congratulations Companion Charlie on your achievement! We couldn't be more proud of you.



## Helping Hands Needed

We are **still** looking for volunteers to assist with moving Chapter items from the Verona Lodge to Mount Moriah as time allows. If you have some free time and space in your vehicle please reach out to [ericread@gmail.com](mailto:ericread@gmail.com) or by phone. Many hands make light work for all!

## **Hubbard-Winsor Lodge No. 420**

We are continuing the momentum from last year when we added 5 new members. We have a potential candidate attending our refreshments at 6:30pm before Lodge, come out, have a bite to eat, and get to know him, he may become a Brother. As we progress through this year, we will continue to practice and put on our own degree work as well as continue to support surrounding Lodges with courtesy work. By working together we are laying a solid foundation of Masonry in the Thumb!

## **Mount Moriah No. 226**

Mount Moriah #226 recently has had some difficulties getting our installation together due to a variety of factors but we're happy to report that we got it done! Not only did we have the honor of Grand Lodge attending AND putting on the installation, we also had an all-star lineup of installing officers. A huge "Thank you" to MWB Leonard Davis, PGM – RWB Mike Roberts, DGM – MWB Bill Finkle, PGM RW Grand Secretary and MWB Eugene Abbaticchio, PMG for putting on a fantastic installation. We were honored to have you there and would love to have you come back and fellowship with us anytime!



## 2026 Mount Moriah Officers

**Worshipful Master** – Bill Finehout, PM

**Secretary** – David DiFrancisco

**Treasurer** – Daniel Albin

**Senior Warden** – Steve Holman, PM

**Junior Warden** – Branden Putnam

**Senior Deacon** – Larry K. Seale, PM

**Junior Deacon** – Roger Morris, PM

**Tyler** – Tavin Cregar



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## “Safe” Space

A new safe has been installed at the Lodge for any Secretary or Treasurer that needs to keep money or important items secure. See Br. Daniel Albin for access codes. Zippered bank envelopes are available for each body as well.

## Yearly Dues Are Out!

You may have noticed in the mail that the 2026 due invoices have been sent out. Mount Moriah dues should have been sent in at this time already. Caro Chapter and St. George Commandery have recently been mailed out so you should be receiving them soon! Any questions please contact your Lodge/Chapter Secretary.

## Help Us Keep Records!

Please make sure to keep your local Lodge or Chapter Secretary up to take on your most recent address and phone number. We can only keep in contact if we have the right information

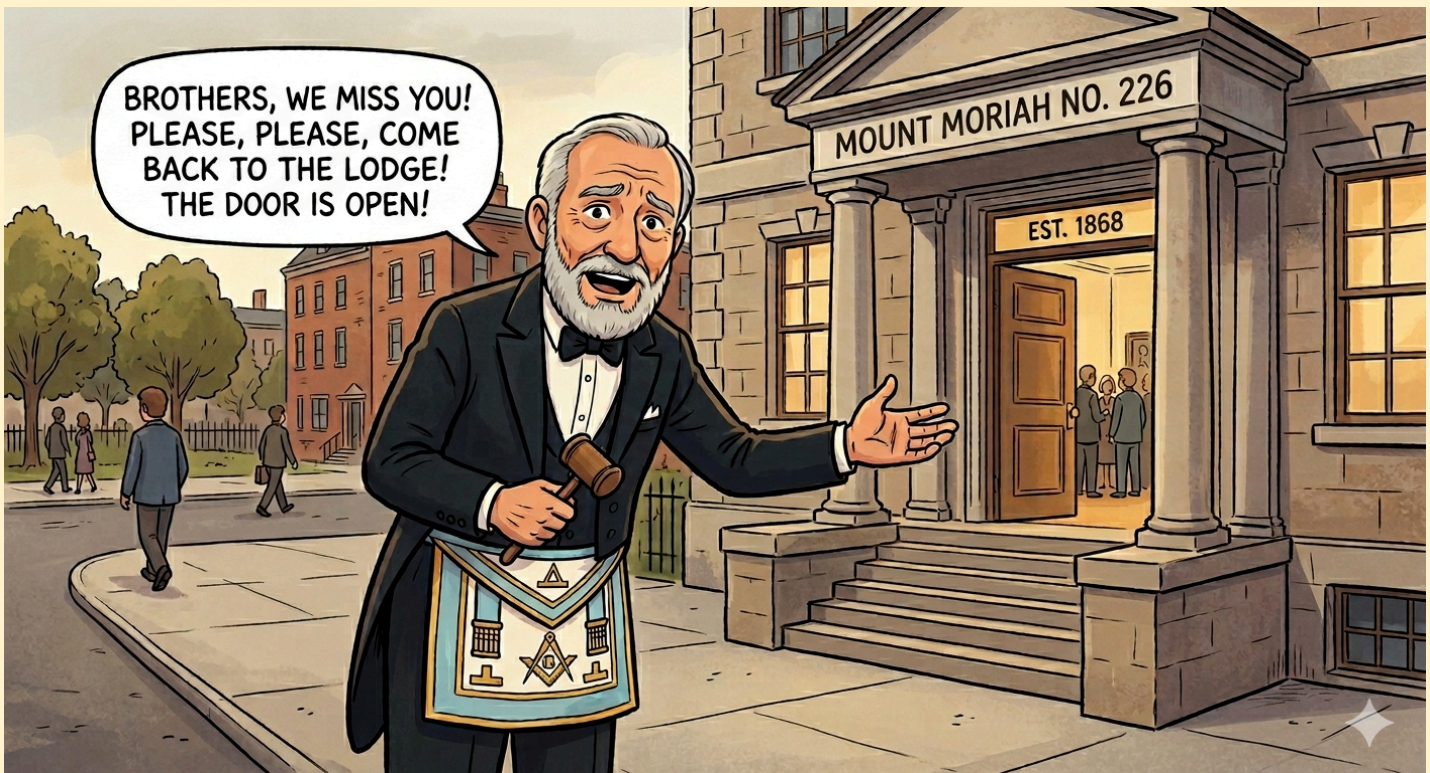
## Did You Know?

Andrew McNair, a Philadelphia Mason, rang the Liberty bell in Independence Hall on July 8, 1776 to call the people together to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The bell developed a crack when it was rung for the death of Chief Justice Marshall, the Past Grand Master of Virginia.

## Get. Back. To. Lodge.

Life comes up, we understand! We have a great crew and a growing York Rite, but we can't do it WITHOUT YOU! If you still want to carry that card in your wallet then you need to make an appearance. There's a lot of work going on to keep the Lodge running. If you still want a Lodge then please start attending regular communications if able. Out of 95 Mount Moriah members we have about 8 that regularly attend. **That is 8.4% of members that show up.** Let's make that number larger and help relieve some of the strain of those that attend, please!



# Mark your calendars!

May 6th	Regular Communication 7:30pm	Mount Moriah Lodge Caro
May 17th	Master Mason Degree 3:00pm	Soaring Eagle Mount Pleasant Oklahoma Indian Degree Team
May 18th, 19th	Annual Communication 2-day event	Grand Lodge Session Mount Pleasant
May 21st	Caro Royal Arch Chapter Thumb Council St. George Commandery 6:30pm	Mount Moriah Lodge Caro