

You're invited! Bring the family!

**Orient of NC Summer Leadership Conference
Scheduled for July 28-29 in Winston-Salem**

By Speed Hallman

Merriam-Webster defines Dog Days as the hot sultry period between early July and early September, marked by a period of stagnation or inactivity caused by the heat of the season. Indeed, some valleys and lodges suspend their labor and go dark in summertime.

The Orient of North Carolina invites you to defy the dictionary, illuminate your mind by the light of summertime and find rejuvenation with brethren and their families from across the state. Make plans now to attend The Orient of North Carolina's annual Summer Leadership Conference in Winston-Salem July 28-29, and bring your family. We promise refreshing presentations, cool new ideas and no hot air from 12:30 p.m. Friday through 3 p.m. on Saturday. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Center of Winston-Salem, 4537 Country Club Rd.

Friday sessions include presentations from Scottish Rite such as Ill. James D. Cole, lieutenant grand commander and SGIG in Virginia, and Ill. S. Brent Morris, managing editor of the Scottish Rite Journal. Friday afternoon we'll hear exciting news about a new RiteCare clinic opening in North Carolina, and the day ends with dinner and an ice cream social for brethren and their families.

Attendees will have breakfast and lunch Saturday at the Masonic Center and participate in presentations on the latest membership trends, best practices for recruitment and retention, the House of the Temple restoration and ways to increase our support for the charities. Our SGIG, Ill. William B. Brunk, and Grand Master of North Carolina Gene Cobb will attend sessions and provide the wrap-up on Saturday afternoon. The agenda is available from your valley secretary.

The Hampton Inn Winston-Salem I-40/Hanes Mall is the host hotel. Make reservations today at (336) 760-1660. A group rate of \$109 is available until June 28 or until sold out.

Organizers need a count for meals, handouts, etc. Please notify your valley secretary if you plan to attend, and we hope to see you in Winston-Salem.

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