

# Connecticut

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## Knighly News

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Greetings my Fellow Soldiers in Christ;

We have been talking about the 12 most Famous Knights, as we have reached the end of our discussion with the 12th and final Knight of the most famous! The 12th Knight is Sir Henry Percy- 'Hot Spur' Sir Henry was born in 1364 in Northern England and was the Most famous member of the Percy family. Sir Henry was well thought of not only on the Battlefield but also in the Tournament arena! In 1377 at the tender age of 13 Henry was Knighted by King Edward III. Shortly after his Knighting he aided his father to recapture Berwick Castle from the Scots. In 1380 Henry Campaigned in Ireland and in 1383 he was on a crusade against the Lithuanians in Prussia. After 2-years he was patrolling the Scottish borders and was made Warden of the East March by Richard II. Sir Henry was captured at the battle of Otterburn in Scotland in 1388CE, Sir Henry was held for ransom and the money was raised by the King and Parliament. After which Henry turned against Henry IV and with his father helped the English King regain his throne, he recaptured Conway Castle from the Welsh in 1401CE and defeated the Scots at the Battle of Homildon Hill in 1402CE. The Percy family were not happy with Henry's lack of gratitude for having turned against Henry IV. Sir Henry Percy died at the battle of Shrewsbury while fighting the Kings forces, Henry was felled by a lucky arrow which hit him in the mouth when he opened his visor for a brief moment! Because of his disloyalty to the King, Henry's corpse was quartered and his head was put upon a spike at the gates of York. This served as a warning that even the Great Knights must always serve their Sovereign!

Sir Knights and Ladies! As it turns out my writing this month is being shared with the incoming Grand Commander Sir Knight James S. McNeely IV. I feel I am turning the helm over to a very capable and qualified Sir Knight. My Lady Linda and I have enjoyed our travels to all the various Commanderies this year immensely, we have had a wonderful time, also in our out of state visits too! I thank all the Sir Knights of the various commanderies for the way we have been greeted throughout the year! I thank Sir Knight Vince Cowie for all his support, and his helpful and always timely advice! I thank Lady Lorie Cowie for her hard work and dedication in running year after year, "The Bakeless Bake Sale" and also for organizing the Craft room and raffles that raise so much money for the KTEF! To ALL my Officers I say thank You for your support and hard work for this Grand Commandery. We have had a good year, but we still have work to do! I wish all the Sir Knights who follow me the very best! You will find out how helpful the Past Grand Commanders are! I say thank you to all the Past Grands, who continue to work

hard behind the scenes to make things happen for the good of Templary in Connecticut! A special Thank You to our Editor Sir Knight Charles D. O'Neill for his hard work and dedication getting this message out every month and on time! Thank you, Charlie.

### "Live Templary, Be of Service"

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Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

Thank you! It is an honor to be writing this message, seven years ago I would never have expected to have this opportunity. Over the next year I expect that our Grand Commandery will take many steps forward and that we all have a chance to see growth. If we do this right it will set the stage for even greater growth in the years to come. I truly believe that we have the right team of Grand Officers put together to help move our Commanderies forward and I am encouraged to see new Sir Knights jumping into leadership positions within their Commanderies.

It is my intention that you will see Grand Officers working with our Commanderies so that we all succeed together and move forward as one. As I have progressed as a Grand Officer there are three things that have always stuck with me: we are of one Faith, we truly are a Masonic and Templar Family, and the Fellowship that we share is worth its weight in gold. The nice thing is that all three of these are at the core of Templary and if we can focus on doing these well it gives us an opportunity to engage our Sir Knights and draw the attention of prospective Sir Knights. Until I see you down the road...

SK James S. McNeely  
Deputy Grand Commander

## HALLELUJAH HE HAS RISEN



Come join the Grand Commandery and Ladies for the Easter Morning Service, Sunday, April 12th, at Masonic Healthcare at 8:00 A.M.

After the service a breakfast will be available for \$7.00.

**A RESERVATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE BREAKFAST**

If you have any questions or want to make a reservation contact:

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Hope to see you there!  
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