

New Hampshire Supplement

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In order to keep you better informed of the happenings in the jurisdiction, I will dedicate a portion of this column to upcoming events. Below are our events for February and beyond:

- Saturday 1 February, Trinity & St George's Commanderies, Order of the Red Cross, at Nashua
- Monday 3 February, Drill Team Practice, Portsmouth at 6:30pm (all SKs are welcome)
- Tuesday 4 February, Palestine Commandery Stated Conclave, Rochester at 7:00pm
- Tuesday 11 February, DeWitt Clinton Commandery Stated Conclave, Portsmouth at 6:30pm Dinner/7:30pm meeting
- Saturday 7 March, Mt Horeb & Northstar St Gerard Commanderies, Order of Malta, at Lancaster
- Saturday 14 March, DeWitt Clinton & Palestine Commanderies, Order of the Temple

Inspection Season is Underway!

Sir Knight's, it is truly hard to believe another year of inspections is upon us. This is a great time to reconnect with some of our SKs who have not been to a conclave in sometime and for some good fellowship.

This year we should have a large group of candidates if their work has progressed as planned. We are fortunate to have welcomed many companions during our bicentennial year for the Royal Arch and now we can welcome them as SKs. We want to make sure this is a memorable series of orders for them and by now I am sure you are all well-rehearsed. Should you have any questions on tactics or general questions related to the orders, please let us know, we would be happy to help. If you do not have a copy of the tactics manual, we can provide you an

electronic copy. There are also videos of the first two orders that are good references and can be viewed as part of your practice sessions for the orders. The Grand Encampment is working on a production of the Order of the Temple, but at this time, it is not available.

The most important event for our new SKs will be the first conclave following their orders. You should be planning for that and have a program in place. You can also make them aware of the new Grand Encampment online course, which will be available shortly through the Grand Encampment website.

One of the most requested topics for conclaves is drill. The SKs in Portsmouth have been working on re-establishing their drill team and have practices as noted on the previous page. You may choose to dedicate a third of your stated meeting to drill. Start with the basics, the position of attention, the uniform, facing movements, saluting (with and without swords) etc. Then at your next conclave begin marching, the only way to improve is practice. There are pictures for each of the above in the tactics manual for reference.

While the deep dark winter is upon us, let us give our candidates what they desire and ensure a memorable event. Spring will be upon us before we know it. I look forward to seeing you all over the next few months!

Reminder, dates of events are always subject to change -- York Rite Calendar posted on the website at <https://nhYorkrite.org/calendars/>

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